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Paying it forward

Family helped by Phillips' generosity, now offers scholarship to residents

By Rita Savard

Black and white portraits of the late Joseph Burns show a man who appears dignified and successful in his three-piece suit. But those who knew him best say pictorial records of the polished Burns only reveal half the story.

Photographs exhibit no trace of the 10-year-old Andover boy whose stomach often felt the rumblings of hunger, or whose shoe soles were wasted away by long hours of work to help his widowed mother make ends meet. Burns was able to attend Phillips Academy and go on to Harvard University only because of a scholarship offered by Cecil F.P. Bancroft, then headmaster at Phillips Academy.

More than a century since Joseph Burns graduated from Phillips, his family continues to pay forward the gift from Bancroft, by awarding scholarships to other poor teens.

The scholarship fund founded in Burns' memory in 1980 has enabled 10 teens in low-income brackets from Andover and other local towns to have a chance at an Ivy League education.

The monetary gift was established by Burns' son, Thomas, who is also an alumnus of Phillips.

"Andover is a great school," says Tom Burns, 84. "Without the generosity of Dr. Bancroft and Phillips Academy, my family that started out achingly poor could never have known the great education that all of us had."

From messenger to lawyer

For a young Joseph Burns, securing four years of day classes at Phillips seemed nothing more than a pipe dream.

At six months old, Joseph's father, a local railroad worker, fell between two moving train cars and was killed instantly. Left to tend to six children alone, Joseph's mother, Annie, took on a housekeeping job that paid less than \$12 each week.

In 1890, when Joseph turned 10, he was hired at Western Union to deliver telegrams.

Joseph spent the hours after school, pedaling a bicycle over Andover's dirt roads where some of his schoolmates could be seen playing. Tom Burns said his father got used to the numbness that would creep into his legs at

the end of the day. He earned less than \$10 each week but his wages helped his mother buy food for the family.

Phillips Academy was one of Joseph's daily stops.

"Dr. Bancroft enjoyed having conversations with my father," says Burns. "When my father graduated the eighth grade, Dr. Bancroft asked him to consider coming to Phillips. But my father had to continue working during the day to help his mother."

After turning 15, Joseph acquired a job as head telegrapher for the Boston & Maine Railroad. He worked the night shift and saved \$100 by the time he was 17.

In the fall of 1897, Joseph Burns entered Andover. But \$100 was only enough to pay for one year of tuition at Phillips Academy.

"At the end of the school year, my father went to say goodbye to Dr. Bancroft, but the headmaster didn't want to say goodbye," Burns said. "He told my father that with his record, he didn't need money to come to Andover. Then he told my father, 'I'll see you next year.'"

Bancroft allowed Burns to continue attending Andover's prestigious preparatory school, now known for churning out a list of notable alumni from Pulitzer Prize winners to US presidents.

Burns' experience at Phillips was life-altering. A stellar scholar, the former telegram messenger for Western Union became the captain of the school's championship baseball team and graduated at the top of his class in 1901.

After Phillips, Joseph Burns continued his education at Harvard, majoring in English, history and government, before earning a degree in law. He lived in Andover for many years, where he was an active participant in town politics.

In 1914, he married Catherine Horne and fathered seven children, four boys who all attended Phillips, and three daughters who attended Abbot Academy. His children all went on to experience great successes, including Tom, who was named by Lawyer's Weekly as one of the Commonwealth's most influential attorneys over the past 25

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Joseph Burns impressed the former headmaster of Phillips enough to earn a free ride. Now, his family offers the same opportunity to others.

FINDING THE BEST FIX

Town Meeting to address several issues

What kind of facility does Andover need to serve its seniors? How much should the town spend on its schools? Should neon signs be banned from town?

These and other questions will be answered directly by the residents who attend Town Meeting next week.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 26 at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road.

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road and will make a loop through the West Middle School parking lot. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

Big ticket items, such as a request for millions to build a new senior center (see story below) and to further improve the water treatment plant (see article at bottom of page) top the list of meeting topics.

But there will be plenty of other issues to address, from approving the nearly \$120 million budget (see page 7) to installing more pay-and-display parking machines.

The town will consider whether to install cameras and other security measures at Andover schools (see story, page 5). Residents will decide whether to buy new vehicles, improve the town yard and begin other projects as part of millions in suggested capital projects. They will look at a study meant to pressure the state into protecting Andover's drinking water from road salt.

In total, residents will address 60 articles. Some, such as one meant to encourage the building of more housing for seniors 55 and older, are expected to be withdrawn.



Bob Milstone glues an antique bowl back together at the Fix-It Shop in the Andover Senior Center. Town Meeting will decide whether to build a larger senior center, which would allow programs such as the Fix-It Shop to be offered more regularly.

Seniors seek \$7.7M for new center

By Neil Fater

Andover seniors are essentially two votes away from ending their more-than-a-decade-long search for a new senior center.

The first of these votes will be at Town Meeting, beginning Monday, April 25. The proposed \$7.65 million senior center, to be built just south of Doherty Middle School on Bartlett Street, would be more than two and a half times the size of the current 11,000 square foot facility.

Selectmen have supported the project 3-2, and even those who do not, Brian Major and Alex Vispoli, acknowledge the current center is inadequate.

"I definitely believe that they need more room and a better layout than they currently have," said Major.

However, Major and Vispoli support building a community center to meet the needs of both the town's senior citizen and youth populations (see story at right).

Don Robb, co-chairman of the Senior Center Task Force, has argued the proposed senior center would be a type of community center, as other groups would be welcome to use the facility, just as the Department of Community Services sometimes uses the existing senior center currently.

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Major pushes for community center

While Town Meeting will vote whether to build a new senior center, Selectman Brian Major said he believes there is broad-based support for a community-center to serve both youth and seniors.

Major wants to build this community center behind Doherty Middle School, where a track and playing field now are. But in 2002, the Senior Center Task Force submitted a report to

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DPW: Water bans likely without plant upgrade

By Rita Savard

Residents could face town-wide emergency water restrictions this summer if replacements and repairs to the water-treatment plant's aged filtration system are not immediately addressed, claims Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

The Water Department is seeking \$6.5 million from Town Meeting voters next week to improve Andover's water-treatment facility. Voter approval of warrant Article 34 would allot the funds needed to supply the water-treatment plant with two new filters, and repair the six existing filters.

If voters reject the article, says Petkus, it is likely that current conditions will quickly lead to restricting residents' water usage for the first time in town history.

Four out of the treatment

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Two students held at gunpoint on Elm

Police: Three males told Merrimack College students to empty pockets

By Rita Savard

Police are still searching for three men who allegedly tried to rob two Merrimack College students at gunpoint Tuesday night, while the students were walking back to their dorms from Andover.

Scott Anderson, 22, and Glen Malcahy, 23, were walking east on Elm Street, heading back to their campus when three black males "came out of the dark," waving a gun and demanding the two students empty their pockets, police said.

The victims said two of the men were wearing hooded sweatshirts, and that one had something dark on the bottom of his face.

Lieutenant Kevin Winters said according to the students' report, when the three perpetrators discovered the two men had nothing of value on them, they turned around and briskly walked away.

Andover police received a

911 call at approximately 10:15 p.m. from a "shaken" Anderson, who ran to a Cheever Street residence with Malcahy immediately after the incident to phone for help.

Winters said Andover Police dispatched all officers on duty, about 10, and their canine unit to comb the area at the corner of Washington Avenue and Elm Street, where the students said they were approached.

Police were unable to find any suspects following a search that lasted several hours.

"An incident like this is unusual," said Lt. Winters, who has served on the force for about 30 years. "In all the years I've been here, I can't recall someone walking down the street in Andover and being robbed at gunpoint."

Winters said police will continue investigating the incident, and detectives could make arrangements with the victims to create composite sketches of the gunmen.

Through Monday ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 13 - At 7:19 p.m., Joby Paul Benson, 36, of 9 Kessler Farm Drive, Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after his license was suspended.

Thursday, April 14 - At 1:38 p.m., Margaret Loder, 51, of 8 Town Forrest Road, Merrimac, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

At 9:52 p.m., Kenneth E. Hoff, 46, of 105 North Main St., was arrested and charged with destruction of property over \$250. Police reported that he was apprehended after he allegedly broke a neighbor's window. On Monday, April 18, at 3:18 p.m., Hoff was arrested again and charged with disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property over \$250. Police said Hoff was allegedly destroying his ex-wife's car.

At 11:02 p.m., Renaldo Cockrum, 30, of 139 River Road, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after his license was suspended.

Friday, April 14 - At 1:41 a.m., Bryan Dumont, 29, of 38 Cornish St., Lawrence, was

arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, using a motor vehicle without authority and leaving the scene after damaging property. Police reported they arrested Dumont on Maple Avenue after someone reported Dumont had crashed into his parked car and driven away.

At 11:02 a.m., Kurt J. Murphy, 39, of 2 Baron Park Dr., Burlington, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

At 11:57 a.m., Gavin Sorge, 35, of 39 Woodland Hills, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance and driving with a suspended license.

At 6:28 p.m., Richard Dumont, 19, of 7 Grant Road, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Sunday, April 17 - At 2:09 p.m., Kenneth Dinsmore, 45, of 30 Railroad St., was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

BREAKS

Wednesday, April 13 - At 9:17 p.m., an alarm company called police about an activated alarm at the Cataract and Laser Center on North Main Street. Police said the storage room doors were open and reported a break. Police said nothing

appeared to have been stolen and no arrests were made.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 13 - At 10:09 a.m., a resident reported being the victim of identity fraud.

At 4:21 p.m., a resident reported threats made to a student at Andover High School earlier in the day.

At 4:34 p.m., a resident told police they saw a Ford Victoria parked on Greybich Road and a driver putting on a blue mask inside the car. The resident also reported seeing a man coming out of the woods and getting into the car. Police checked the area but found nothing.

At 8:16 p.m., an employee of Brooks Pharmacy on North Main Street reported six or seven male youths in the store who were suspected of stealing a bottle of Coricidin. Police checked the area but found no one.

Thursday, April 14 - At 6:52 p.m., a resident reported seeing a coyote inside the fenced area of the pond at Raytheon Corp. and that it appeared to be "sizing up" the geese. The caller said the animal fit descriptions of a coyote seen in Tewksbury that was attacking people. Police reported that there are two coyote statues on the property.

Friday, April 15 - At 11:19 p.m., police took a person into protective custody at a Jenkins Road camp after a ranger reported someone going from site to site and disturbing some guests. The park ranger said that the per-

son was a former employee at the camp, who was allegedly telling guests that he or she was the current ranger.

Saturday, April 16, at 10:18 a.m., a resident reported jogging on Center Street when a driver purposely tried to hit him. Police filed a report.

At 5:31 p.m., a caller reported a male lying on the grass at the ramp between Routes 28 and 125. The caller told police the caller had driven by the man three times and yelled at him but he would not move. Police checked the area and said the man was fine and had just decided to take a nap on the grass.

Monday, April 18 - At 6:17 p.m., police reported a stop sign was down at the corner of Rattlesnake Hill Road.

At 9:30 p.m., Comfort Suites on Riverside Drive reported discovering a guest who had checked out earlier in the morning had used a stolen credit card.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 13 - At 7:12 a.m., a woman reported that her ex-husband stole her rental car, a blue and purple Mazda, and was driving toward Lawrence on North Main Street. Police checked the area but found no one. The woman told police around 3:09 p.m., that the rental car had been recovered in Lawrence.

Saturday, April 16 - At 10:49 a.m., a caller reported that a 2-year-old child was locked in a motor vehicle. Elm Street was able to unlock the vehicle. The child had no injuries.

ACCIDENTS

Sunday, April 17 - At 7:49 a.m., 911 callers reported an accident on Interstate 93 Northbound between Dascomb Road and Route 133 with injuries. A caller from Hackney Circle advised police that they saw a man running through the woods, away from the accident scene.

VANDALISM

Wednesday, April 13 - At 4:55 p.m., a Shawshen Road resident reported that his or her car had been keyed.

Saturday, April 16 - At 7:57 p.m., a Salem Street resident reported that her car had been egged the night before. Police said the incident appeared to be a random act.

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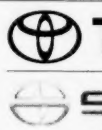
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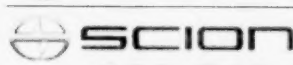


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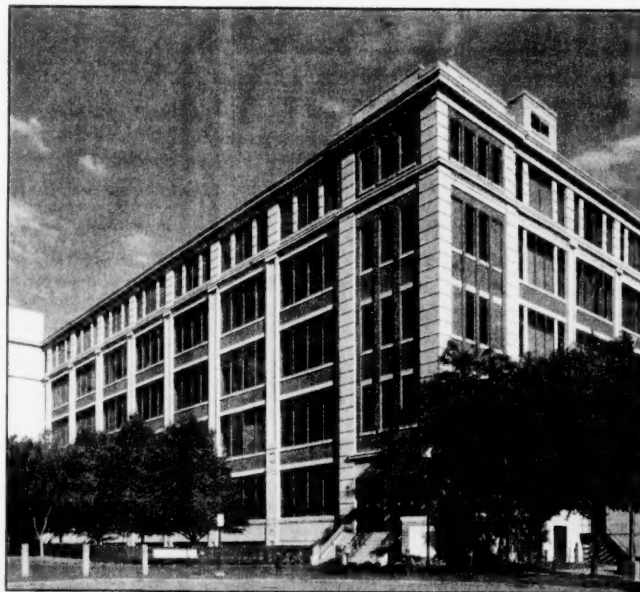


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PAST AND PRESENT



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In November of 1996 workers tackled the roof of a new strip mall next to Dunkin' Donuts and Anton's Cleaners on North Main Street. In the bottom photo is the same general area today.

Vietnam War remembrance

Saturday, April 30 will mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and thus the official end of the Vietnam War. America lost 58,000 sons and daughters while six Andover residents died in combat. In observance of this occasion the town of Andover will hold a commemorative service at Ballardvale Green on Saturday, April 30, at 2 p.m. to which all are invited. Ballardvale Green is located on Andover Street across from the Ballardvale Fire Station. For more details call Veterans Services Director John Doherty at 978-623-8218.

Library book sale

Memorial Hall Library will hold its annual book sale on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Preview Night will be Thursday April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$20 per person.

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library report the library has a large collection of cooking, travel, health, history, fiction and non-fiction. Children's books are plentiful as well as CDs, videos and coffee-table books.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross Blood Services - New England Region is reminding individuals about the ongoing need for volunteer blood donors. Blood needs are constant, and the American Red Cross must ensure that blood is available wherever and whenever it is needed for patients.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, April 28 at Saint Robert's Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. This drive will run from 2 to 7 p.m. Walk-in donors are always welcome.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, last week's *Townsmen* Education story incorrectly stated that the Friends of Andover Football are planning a Casino Night. They are not. In addition, while the group is raising money for improvements at Lovely Field, they are not restoring its entrance, as stated in the story.

Quote, unquote . . .

SHE CALLS IT THE F-WORD in our house.

- Local fly-fisherman Cliff Hauptman, talking about how his wife views fishing. (Story in Arts & Entertainment, page 21)

IF THERE IS A VANDALISM PROBLEM over the weekend, it will be recorded and it will help police identify the person or persons responsible.

- Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantadosi on the desire to have cameras posted around the outside of Andover schools. Voters will decide if they want to spend tax money on this and other school security measures at Town Meeting on Monday, April 25. (Story, page 5)

Spring event for PCCD

The Professional Center for Child Development's Spring Celebration and Silent Auction is just around the corner.

The event will benefit the center on Osgood Street in Andover, and be held on Friday, April 29 at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

The auction and cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Andover resident Gerry Callahan, a host for WEEI Sports Radio 850 AM and a *Boston Herald* columnist.

The special honoree is fellow Andover resident Matt Haymer, vice president of the Challenger Division of Andover Little League Baseball.

Call the PCCD at 978-475-3806 for more information.



Radio personality Gerry Callahan with Kyle Berube, a student in the PCCD Developmental Day School.

Students and parents invited to Phillips Academy College Fair

Phillips Academy will host its annual College Fair from 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road, on the Phillips Academy campus. Area students and parents are invited to attend and meet representatives of 140 colleges and universities located throughout the United States and the world.

Massachusetts colleges and universities represented at the fair will include Amherst, Babson, Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Clark, Emerson, Holy Cross, Massachusetts College of Art, Merrimack, Mount Holyoke, Northeastern, Simmons, Smith, Tufts, Wellesley, Wheaton and Worcester Polytech. International schools will include St. Andrews in Scotland and McGill in Canada. The U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval academies will be present, as well as leading colleges from all areas of the United States.

A complete list of 2005 College Fair participants is available on the Phillips Academy Web site at www.andover.edu/news/college_fair_spring05.htm. For more information, contact the College Counseling Office at 978-749-4150; or college-counseling@andover.edu.

CLASS dinner

CLASS Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services to people with disabilities in the Merrimack Valley, will host its annual dinner on April 27 at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. As part of the event, CLASS is having a cash raffle, with the chance to win \$5,000. To attend or purchase a raffle ticket, contact Bethany Jones at 978-975-8587 Ext. 1207.

Town Meeting

For questions about checking in at Town Meeting, call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258 or visit the Web site www.andoverma.gov.

Meningitis clinic for those off to college

The Andover Board of Health will offer meningitis vaccine clinics this spring for incoming college freshmen on Tuesday, May 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$85 and an appointment is necessary.

For further information and an appointment contact Public Health Nurses Joanne Martel or Jane Morrissey at 978-623-8295.

Registry outreach

In an effort to further reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents involving operators aged 16-18 the Registry of Motor Vehicles has announced it will mail out brochures to parents of teen drivers explaining the special passenger and time restrictions that apply to operators under the age of 18.

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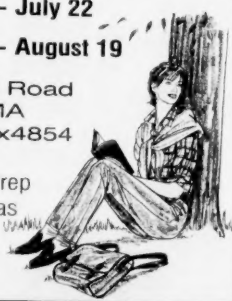
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■ COMMUNITY CENTER IDEA

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selectmen after studying 14 potential sites for a center. The task force dismissed the fields behind Doherty as a premium site saying, "Neighborhood support in the past has been limited. Access to the site is limited and the total area may not be sufficient due to environmental concerns." One of the chief concerns was that a brook that runs through the area would prevent construction within 200 feet.

Major said he believes the study of land behind Doherty looked only at the far playing fields used for baseball and softball, and did not consider the track area. Task force members disagree, with Co-chairwoman Marlies Zammuto saying, "To the best of our recollection we did consider all of it (the land behind Doherty Middle)."

"The Senior Center Task Force was asked to do this by the town and by the selectmen for good reason. We need a senior center," said Zammuto. "The need is not going to go away. We need to be ready for today's seniors and tomorrow's seniors and their families."

A private group, the Andover Youth Foundation, has raised more than \$3 million to build a youth center in West Andover, but its fundraising success has appeared to taper off, and it needs about \$5.5 million for its planned facility. Whether those who have pledged funds to the youth center would allow them to be used for a community center is not known.

Both supporters and detractors of a new senior center point to other communities' centers as proof of their argument. Center Director Kathy Urquhart says Chelmsford — which is similar to Andover in the services it offers — built its 20,000 square foot facility 15 years ago and is looking to build an addition already. Major said a community center in Harwich shows that two groups going in separate directions can be brought together in a vibrant facility. (For these and other comparisons, see chart below.)

— Neil Fater

Major: Proposed facility too large

■ SENIOR CENTER VOTE

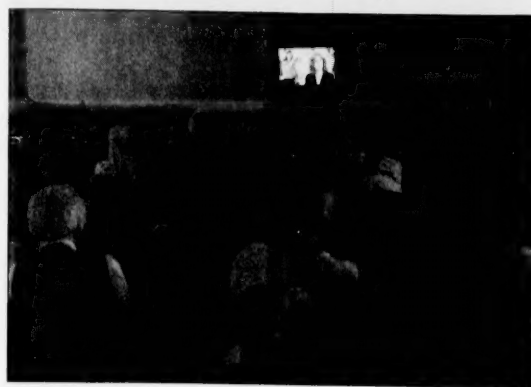
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Use of the center

Major has also said he believes the proposed 28,000 square foot center would be too large to serve the senior population alone.

Data collected over four random weeks in the fall shows how many people use the current center. During the weeks beginning Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, an average of 1,080 people a week used some kind of elder-care service. A person who received Meals on Wheels at their home each day counted as five people each week. Someone who attended two offerings in one day — such as an exercise course and lunch — counted as two.

Fewer than 75 percent of that 1,080 number represented people who actually came to the center itself. More than one-quarter of that number represented people who received Meals on Wheels in their home.



A group watches a movie at the senior center. Movie matinees are offered on Mondays.

Included in the numbers were people such as youth in intergenerational programs. Pat Becker, program coordinator, said the center does not just serve seniors, but residents taking care of their older parents and others.

"I think that's disheartening that a lot of people don't see ... that the people we serve are

everyone from the first-grader (in an intergenerational program) to the 100-year-old person who's at home getting Meals on Wheels," said Becker.

The current center has three activity rooms, a cafeteria, a room used for an elder care program and office space. The only place for seniors to gather out-

side of these program areas is a hallway.

"The design of the center right now is that people come for a class. If their friends aren't here at that time, they might never see them," said Kathy Urquhart, acting director. "We could take a room and then make it a gathering room, but we'd have to eliminate about 10 programs. There's no happy medium."

Proponents of a new center argue that it would bring most classes and services into one location. Popular programs could be offered more often. The center would provide places for people to just meet and talk, increasing its use. A billiard room and game room might be popular additions in the proposed two-story center, based on a customer satisfaction survey conducted in February and responded to by 141 people. Currently there is no space to put a pool table that was donated to the center.

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SENIOR CENTER FACTS: A COMPARISON

	ANDOVER	SWAMPSCOTT	PEABODY	YARMOUTH	DANVERS	NORTH ANDOVER	CHELMSFORD	METHUEN	SALEM, N.H.	HARWICH
DATE BUILT	2006 (Proposed)	2006 (Proposed)	1991	1987	1999	1983; addition in 1997	1990	1984	2002	2000
SIZE (IN SQUARE FEET)	28,000	6,500	32,000	13,000	11,535	7,200	23,000	18,000	13,000	32,000
COST	\$7.6 million	\$2 million (cost of senior center and high school field house)	\$4 million	\$1 million	\$2.5 million	\$583,000 for the 1997 addition, original cost unknown	\$2 million	\$400,000, plus a \$280,000 20-year mortgage	\$1.7 million plus \$265,000 for furnishings and completion of second floor	\$5.1 million
FUNDING	Taxpayers will pay \$7.6 million. An override will be needed.	Will be a part of a new high school complex.*	Taxpayers paid \$4 million. No override was needed.	Built privately by donations, now have a mortgage covered by the town.	Taxpayers paid \$2 million and \$500,000 raised privately. No override was needed.	Federal block grants paid for the original center and the expansion.	Taxpayers passed an override. It was built on the site of an old school that burned down.	Built entirely by a private, nonprofit organization on town land. **	Taxpayers spent \$1.2 million, one major benefactor gave \$500,000	Taxpayers paid, override was needed. Private fundraising brought in \$500,000.
POPULATION OVER 60	5,300	3,159	12,000	8,900	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,500	6,000	NA
POPULATION SERVED	1 in 3 seniors	2,000	1 out of every 3 or 4 seniors	1 in every 2 seniors	175 per day	3,600	1 in every 3 seniors	400 per day	260 per day, about 1 in every 4 seniors	NA

* Swampscott funding: The high school was approved at Town Meeting last month. Voters go to the polls April 26 to decide whether to approve the senior center and field house also on the property, which would require an override. They will benefit from the state rebate available for high school construction.

** Methuen: State grant paid for parking lot and grounds. Daily operation is funded by the city budget, state grants and continued fund-raising.

Source: Senior Center directors

Both sides of the debate over Andover's prospective center have used other towns' models to back up their arguments.

Supporters look to centers like the 13,000-square-foot building in Salem, N.H., built in 2002, mostly by taxpayers, and the 32,000-square-foot senior center in Peabody, the largest in the state.

Je'Lesia Jones, spokeswoman for the Department of Elder Services, said her department recommends a senior center provide 5 to 6 square feet per senior in the community. Andover's proposed center would provide about 5 square feet per senior.

Opponents look to centers like the one in Harwich, a 32,000-square-foot, \$5.1 million community center that hosts the town's recreation services and Council on Aging; or Methuen's senior center, paid for entirely by the community through townwide fund-raisers and donated labor and materials.

The Massachusetts Department of Elder Services says there are about 300 senior centers in the state, plus 12 community centers, which include joint programs for seniors and youth or other populations.

Jones said stand-alone senior centers like the one on the Town Meeting ballot are more common — just one of the 39 centers built in the past five years was a community center — but that it is up to

each city or town to decide what is best for itself.

And no matter what type of structure it builds, Jones said, her office encourages towns and cities to look ahead.

"I think that all communities should look ahead with the aging of baby boomers and the seismic shift that will happen when that happens," Jones said. "You can't wait until the last minute."

—Dorian Block

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Supporters: More residents are 60+

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Aging population

Urquhart also noted the number of people over the age of 60 is increasing in town, and that trend will continue. Baby boomers are reaching senior-citizen status, and people are living longer. While there were 4,322 residents older than 60 in 1990, there were 5,045 such residents in 2000. Andover is projected to have 7,838 people over 60 by 2020, she said.

The proposed center is designed to serve both current and future needs, said supporters.

"The benefit could be for people who are not primarily using the space now," said Becker.

A center could also help keep more seniors in their homes by providing services and social contacts.

"I think not only do seniors want to stay in their homes," said Urquhart, "the push is to keep people in the community."

With the federal government cutting back such spending, more responsibility is falling on local governments, she said.

"The feeling is, if things are done locally that are preventive, then it doesn't cost as much in the long run," said Urquhart. "In the big picture, residents are a lot better off (paying some money for a senior center now). It reduces the burden on the other end, when people are sick and require a lot of resources to be cared for."

"It's 'you don't want to be penny-wise and pound-foolish,'" said Becker.

A committee called Senior Center Now has been formed to get out the pro-senior center vote. "We will be holding signs this weekend and at Town Meeting, handing out literature," according to Senior Center Now Chairman Tom Deso, "but the

LAST WEEK AT THE SENIOR CENTER (APRIL 11-15)

MONDAY AT THE CENTER			THURSDAY AT THE CENTER		
TIME	PROGRAM	PEOPLE SERVED	TIME	PROGRAM	PEOPLE
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Wood-carving	5	9-10:30 a.m.	Beginner tap dance	3
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Quilting	10	noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch	35
9-9:30 a.m.	Choral group	28	1-2 p.m.	Intermediate dance	12
9:20-11:45 a.m.	Massage	7	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Blood pressure	16
noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch	45	1:30-4 p.m.	What's right w/world	11
1-2:30 p.m.	Art instruction	5	2-3:30 p.m.	Intermediate yoga	10
1-3 p.m.	Fix It Shop	18	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Senior Connections	-
1-3:30 p.m.	Cribbage	4	Also, at other sites		
1-3:30 p.m.	Movie matinees	27	• Meal on Wheels delivered to 70 people		
8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Senior Connections	11			
Also, at other sites					
• Meals on Wheels delivered to 67 people					
• 1-3:30 p.m., computer class, 10 people					
TUESDAY AT THE CENTER			FRIDAY AT THE CENTER		
TIME	PROGRAM	PEOPLE	TIME	PROGRAM	PEOPLE
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Men's exercise	5	7:30-10:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast	62
10-10:30 a.m.	Writing group	14	7:30-10 a.m.	Strength training	23
noon-1 p.m.	Lunch	37	noon-1 p.m.	Lunch	41
1-1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi	6	1-4 p.m.	Bingo	40
1-2:30 p.m.	Square dance	10	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Senior Connections	10
1-2:30 p.m.	Beginner yoga	10	Also, at other sites		
1-4 p.m.	Cribbage	2	• Meals on Wheels delivered to 66 people		
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Book club	8	• Aerobics, 12 people, Old Town Hall		
8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Senior Connections	9	• Drumming circle, 4 people		
Also, at other sites			• Merrimack College, 33 people, 10 seniors and 23 students		
• Meals on Wheels delivered to 67 people					
• Aerobics, 20 people, Old Town Hall					
• Water aerobics, 8 people, Wyndham Hotel					
• Computer class, 7 people, Old Town Hall					
• Cable TV group, 14 people at TV studio					
WEDNESDAY AT THE CENTER					
TIME	PROGRAM	PEOPLE			
7:30-9 a.m.	Strength training	23			
7:30 a.m.-noon	Art group	5			
8:30 a.m.-noon	"Shop" group	8			

TOTALS PROVIDED BY KATHY URQUHART

most important thing is we will have a large get-out-the-vote phone campaign in the next few days."

However, Deso said the committee was formed primarily to spearhead an election campaign after Town Meeting, which will be needed if two-thirds of Town Meeting voters support the project. Seniors need separate approval for four articles seeking:

- \$7.65 million in construction funds (Article 28);
- a land transfer to give selectmen control of some school land needed for the site (Article 29);
- easement authorization (Article 30); and
- an exemption for the senior center from zoning bylaws controlling lot area, frontage, building setback, and off-street parking and loading requirements (Article 31).

Operating costs

It costs about \$94,400 in custodial, maintenance and utility costs to operate the current facility, according to Andover Plant & Facilities. Operating the new center is estimated to cost \$154,400. Part of the additional expense is to hire an additional part-time custodian. No other positions would be needed, say supporters. Instructors needed to run new programs would be paid through fees, just as current instructors are.

The \$94,400 cost to maintain the current facility would continue even if a new center is built, because the town would use the area for other purposes, said Major. Major said he believes the town's community services and youth services departments would be moved out of the cramped Town Offices and into the former senior center space.

The current center is on the bottom floor of the school administration building, which is attached to Memorial Auditorium and behind Town Offices.

Parking

As part of adding a senior center to the land near Doherty Middle School, the school, school administration building and senior center would gain 55 parking spaces. Whether certain parking areas would be designated for specific use, such as for senior center or teachers' parking, remains to be seen, said Urquhart.

A new bus loop would be created behind Doherty Middle, and Whittier Court, a small street near the current senior center, would be altered to discourage its use by people who do not live on the roadway.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
Andover officials want to install cameras and special locks outside Andover school buildings.

TOWN MEETING

Beefing up security

By Rita Savard

Vandals and mischief-makers beware.

Town officials say if residents approve \$235,000 for tightening security in town schools, principals and police will be able to crack down harder on perpetrators damaging property. In the past two months combined, police reports point to a number of vandalism incidents at schools, including graffiti and small fires.

Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi said approximately \$65,000 from warrant article 12 would be appropriated for a closed-circuit TV system at Andover High School.

"All cameras that would be purchased for the schools are for the exterior of the building and the entry ways only," said Piantedosi. "None are for the interior of the buildings. The main purpose is to control access to the building."

Cameras on the outside of the building, adds Piantedosi, will also be able to zoom in on suspicious activity in the high school parking lot.

"I've talked to the police chief (Brian Pattullo) and school administrators and there's a strong desire to monitor the (high school) parking lot and the perimeter of the building," Piantedosi said. "If there is a vandalism problem over the weekend, it will be

recorded and it will help police identify the person or persons responsible."

The article also seeks funding for \$115,000 to install about 41 access-control lock sets. The measure would accelerate a program that has already installed networked keyless entry systems in some of the town schools.

Identification badges that are also entry cards into school buildings are programmed by administrators. If a teacher loses the access card, the new systems can immediately erase the information with a touch of a button, denying access to any other person who tries gaining entry.

When the School Committee approached selectmen with the article in December, it was asked to provide a record of incidents to help illustrate the need for spending the extra money this year. After meeting with police and school department heads, selectmen added their support.

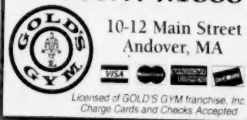
"We didn't only focus on the present, but looked into the future to talk about difficulties we could run into," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major. "Considering all of the incidents happening around the world, particularly the grammar school that was taken over by terrorists in Russia, we felt there was a need now to tighten up security."

THE PROCESS

Town Meeting begins Monday April 25 at Andover High School's Field House. Town Meeting voters will help decide whether to spend \$7.6 million to build a 28,100 square-foot building next to Doherty Middle School. But it will actually take two rounds of approval — a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting and a simple majority at the ballot box — to make the money available.

The project would be paid through a debt-exclusion override of Proposition 2½, which is a one-time tax increase for a specific purpose. Residents will help to pay off a bond over the next 20 years, and then the debt will be off the books. At its highest point, the project will cost the average taxpayer an additional \$51 for the year.

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BOOK REVIEW

Tangerine

BY EDWARD BLOOR

Reviewed by John Chartier
and James Caron

This week, 15-year-old Andover residents John and James review a book they say is the author's best.

Paul Fisher has had a complicated childhood. When he was a young kid, he supposedly stared at a solar eclipse too long, and it caused him to lose much of his vision. Nonetheless, with the help of some coke-bottle glasses, he is able to maintain a pretty normal lifestyle as far as vision is concerned.

Paul has a brother named Erik. Erik is a star football player, a place kicker. This is rather ironic considering place kickers are almost never considered to be the stars of their teams. Nonetheless, the "Erik Fisher football dream" is a recurring theme throughout the novel.

By the opening of the story, the Fisher

family is getting ready to move from Houston Texas, to Tangerine, Fla. Their father is a civil engineer and just got a job in Tangerine. Paul begins school partway through the year and his mother fills out an individual education plan which enrolls him in a program intended to accommodate his vision disability. Like his brother, Paul is also a star athlete. He was one of the best soccer goalies where he lived in Houston. Unfortunately, as Paul learns after the fact, his education plan prevents him from participating in sports. Paul is heart-broken and is forced to leave the team. His life appears to have taken a turn for the worse.

The rest of the story follows Paul and the little town of Tangerine through a series of disasters and difficulties. Like any great book, the book is really

about people, and how they relate to one another, but at the same time manages to include a truly fascinating plot. We recommend this book to soccer and football fans everywhere. It's an astounding piece of children's literature. While it does not focus solely on football or soccer, they are essential to the plot.

We give this book a 9 out of 10, as anyone will find it interesting. It's a little slow starting, but once it gets going, it's hard to put down. Readers will find themselves attached to Paul Fisher and all of Tangerine. We consider this Edward Bloor's finest work. His other kids' stories tend to be much slower and less exciting. However, we wholeheartedly recommend them to readers who like this book and don't mind long books with little true action.



New Eagle Scouts Joseph Salvatore Tornatore III (left) and Michael Douglas Sierra.

2 earn rank of Eagle

Joseph Salvatore Tornatore III and Michael Douglas Sierra were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on March 10.

Michael Douglas Sierra

Sierra was introduced to scouting when he entered Pack 79 as a Tiger Cub in the first grade. Spending four years as a Cub Scout, he joined Troop 79 in 1997 after earning his Arrow of Light award.

In Troop 79, Sierra served as patrol leader of the Viking Patrol for a year, then became assistant senior patrol leader, staying in that position for a year as well.

Sierra is an ordeal member in the Nanepashement Lodge #158 of the Order of the Arrow. He was elected by his fellow scouts and inducted in 2004. In 1998, he attended the Hidden Valley scout camp, and attended Camp Onway for several years.

Last summer, his Eagle Scout Service Project was finished. Together with other scouts of Troop 79, he replaced 32 feet of a damaged bridge in Harold Rafton Reservation, maintained by AVIS. Combined with Eagle Scout Jason Durant's replacement of a nearby bridge, this project made a significant portion of the reservation easier to travel through. As a follow-up, he plans to build a bench nearby.

Sierra graduated from Andover High School in 2004. He was a member of

the AHS track and field team and participated in the Junior State debate club. He is currently attending Pennsylvania State University.

Joseph Salvatore Tornatore III

Tornatore joined Pack 79 as a Tiger Cub in 1993. He earned his ranks: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelo and in March of 1998, he was awarded the Arrow of Light.

Once he became a Boy Scout, Tornatore earned his Tenderfoot rank in October 2000 and earned his Second Class and First Class ranks in May 2001. He then earned his Star rank in March 2002 and Life rank in September 2002.

On his way to Eagle, Tornatore served as a den chief, patrol leader, asst. senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader. He also joined the Order of the Arrow in 2003 after being voted in by his troop and attended the 2003 Junior Leader Training Conference. The following year, he became a member of the JLTC staff and served as an instructor, helping make presentations and evaluations for the 40 applicants.

For his Eagle project, Tornatore worked at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Andover. He developed a mapping system; documented all 843 veterans buried there, replaced flags and flag holders, and cleaned the veterans' plaques in the cemetery.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Research Project: The senior center will be participating in an important research study with the center for Health and Disease Research at UMass/Lowell that will focus on preventing age related macular degeneration and cataracts. If you are interested in participating in this study, which will begin in May or if you would like more information, call Pat Becker at the senior center.

Parker's Maple Sugar House: If you like good food, be sure and make a reservation to join us next Monday, April 29 when we will head out to Parker's Maple Sugar House in Mason, New Hampshire. The outing will include a tour of the sugar house, your choice of breakfast or lunch entrees, a visit to the Corn Cob gift shop, and bus transportation from the center. Cost of the trip is \$32, and menu selections are available at the center.

"Magical Main Courses":

Are you cooking for just one or two? Are you sick of cooking the same old items? Then join us for some easy, healthy, fun menus focusing on protein dishes. This four part taste-testing series will meet on Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 1:30 p.m. Presenter will be Terry Bargar who specializes in using fresh ingredients to create quick, easy recipes. Bargar is presently the "Food For Thought" columnist for the Andover Townsman.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be on Monday, April 25th at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent hit, *The Notebook*. Based on the best selling novel by Nicholas Sparks, this romantic drama is the nostalgic story of true love and destiny.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, April 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

Dinner honors Adelante Youth Center founder

Adelante Youth Center, founded in 1992, will celebrate its founder's 40th ordination anniversary with a dinner dance celebration on Friday, April 29 at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road. Father Joachim Lally was ordained on May 22, 1965 and came to the Merrimack Valley in 1982.

Lally fulfilled the need for a safe, productive environment for inner city youths with the Ade-

lante Youth Center, according to organizers. For ticket information call 978-687-9432 Ext. 15.

"I have been with the Adelante Youth Center for many years," said Andover resident Jordan Burgess of treasurer of the Adelante board of directors in a release. "I am still amazed at all the incredible things that are happening at the center. The youth are thriving and everyone benefits."

CASTING CALL



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Enjoying beautiful spring weather, Christopher Cuscia fished on Haggetts Pond Tuesday.

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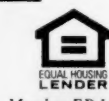
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Town Meeting Article 4

Budget compromise,
no student fee hike

By Rita Savard

The town's three major boards have agreed to support one budget at Town Meeting, but their plan isn't without risks, advises Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden.

The compromise, an approximately \$51 million budget for the schools as part of an approximately \$120 million town budget, will mean parents will not have to pay higher user fees next year. This budget received unanimous approval from the School Committee, Finance Committee and selectmen after the Finance Committee Report for Town Meeting had already gone to the printer.

But the Commonwealth is still a few months away from finalizing its budget, and if distribution of state aid does not equal the town's estimates, officials said scaling back could still become a possibility.

"We've pushed some limits on our revenue estimates," said Marden. "If you run a deficit you might have to cut services, but we are hopeful that will not have to happen."

If the state budget falls short of a \$100,000 increase in aid for Andover schools, Marden said the town could still break even if other revenue sources offer a higher payout. Officials bridged the \$700,000 gap between the town manager's and superintendent's recommended budget by also assuming \$100,000 in new Medicaid reimbursements under special education, \$200,000 more in an account for out-of-

district special education costs, \$200,000 reserved for emergencies and a \$100,000 reduction in money needed for school roof repairs.

"If we don't receive the state revenue but new growth for property tax comes in higher then you don't have a problem—but nothing comes with a full guarantee," said Marden.

Many alternatives have already been stretched to maximum capacity, she adds. One example is Andover's Free Cash balance.

A "cushion" used in the past for breaking financial falls, the town's surplus revenue has now been marked off-limits, to maintain the town's excellent credit ratings. Free Cash provides a reserve that can be tapped in case of emergency and provides enough cash in the bank to meet payrolls and pay bills without having to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

Over the past two years, the town has had to draw on these reserves to fund its operating budget and avoid employee layoffs. In Fiscal Year 2005, Andover dipped into more than \$1 million in free cash.

"We knew we had to keep using free cash for at least a couple of years to pay (employees) and it made us nervous. We knew at some time we were going to have to wean off it," Marden said. "We want the town to be well-managed financially. In order to be fiscally responsible you have to have some

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Andover residents' work in bloom at the Flower Show

Andover Garden Club members were very active at the 2005 New England Spring Flower Show, which ran March 12 through 20 at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

Leslie Frost, who, in addition to her Andover Garden Club membership, is president of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and a trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, greeted floral-design participants on three entry days. Frost also created an entry for one design division, and judged another.

Helga Frazzette served as chairman of the amateur competitions, which include both horticulture and floral design. She entered a flower arrangement in the show, and, in addition, her floral-supply company, Country House Floral, operated a booth in the commercial vendor area.

Frances Wheeler served as a Landscape Design Council judge in the landscape-design division, and Jan Brink clerked for a panel of Landscape Design Council judges.

High honor

This year the amateur design division introduced an invitational exhibit, staged alongside the judged competition. Only three designers were given the opportunity to present, with each exhibiting during different periods of the show. Andover Garden Club's Ann Lange was one of the floral arrangers so honored.

The placard that accompanied her design, which was composed of an original sculpture and bold tropical plant material, read "Who is...Ann C. Lange? Award-winning sculptor, fiber artist, floral designer, lecturer. Within her stainless-steel sculptures are form, vigor, and the dynamic thrust of line... all found in nature. 'The best designs dig deep into our inner soul and make us perceive in an inspired and exciting way.'"

Joyce Bakshi, vice president of the Andover Garden Club, who also exhibited a floral arrangement in the design division of the show, commented after seeing the invitational display, "Ann's exhibit alone was worth a trip into the show. It's a wonderful stainless piece she designed that stands about 6 feet tall. It's power and grace at the same time."

In addition to presenting her invitational design, Ann Lange served as a floral-design judge.

Floral design a specialty

The Andover Garden Club has many talented floral designers. The club regularly presents programs on floral arranging, and it runs flower-arranging workshops for members several times each year.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairwoman Karen Schnorrenberg (978-474-8973, karensberg@comcast.net). The Andover Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.



Helga Frazzette, a long-standing member of the Andover Garden Club, exhibited this lovely mass design at the New England Spring Flower Show in March.

Two make Eagle Scout

■ SCOUTS

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Tornatore is currently attending Andover High School. He has been involved with the television club for the past 4 years and is a teachers' assistant in a filming course. He has volun-

teered at the Larry Robinson/Alex Miliotis race for two years and served St. Robert's Parish by co-teaching CCD for a year and altar serving for eight. Tornatore will be attending Fitchburg State College, studying film and video production, in the fall.

Police auction

The Andover Police Auction of bikes and other unclaimed property will be held Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m., with a rain date of May 14 at the same time. The auction will be at the Andover Police Department, by the upper double garage doors of the public safety building at 32 North Main St.

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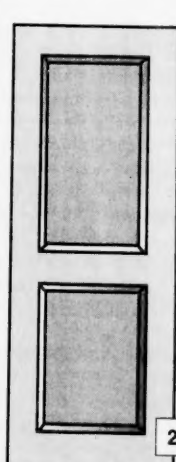
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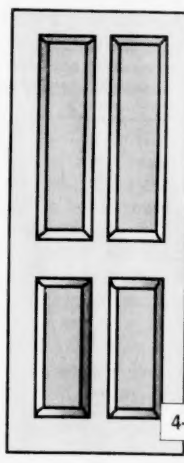
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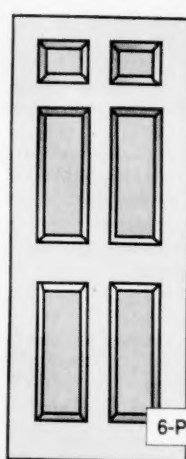
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OBITUARIES

Helen S. Kempton

Active at senior center

Helen S. Kempton, 92, of North Andover and formerly of Andover for 50 years, died Monday, April 11. She was the beloved wife of the late Albert E. Kempton.

Mrs. Kempton formerly resided in Newton, Claremont, N.H., and Rosemead, Calif. and was a summer resident in Wolfeboro, N.H.



Helen S. Kempton

She loved her family gatherings and enjoyed entertaining friends. She was a fabulous cook and everyone enjoyed her culinary expertise, according to her family. She also loved gardening, crocheting, rug making, crafts, puzzles, card playing, and especially enjoyed playing bingo.

Family members said she was an avid fan of professional sports and was an excellent swimmer and diver.

Mrs. Kempton was a long time member of the Andover Senior Center and participated in many activities and trips. She attended South Church in Andover and was a member of the Order Of Eastern Star, Andover Chapter No. 187.

Members of her family include her son, Herbert E. Kempton of Andover; daughter, Peggy K. Muliken and her husband Peter of Franklin; four grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Katherine Strmic of Phoenix, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Victoria Strmic,

Leo Strmic, Emma Jessup, John Strmic, Ignatius Strmic, Frank Strmic, Victor Strmic, Mary Durayne Dow and Virginia Kempton Brown.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-9376.

Therese M. Williams

Family was her priority

Therese M. (Comtois) Williams, of Andover, died on Wednesday, April 13, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Lawrence, was educated at Sacred Heart High School, and attended Sacred Heart Church.

She was employed as a secretary at Raytheon Company in Andover for 20 years.

Mrs. Williams loved to garden, go for walks, shop and cook. Above all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her first priority was always her family and she showed her dedication every day, said her family. Family members said, "She taught us all how to love and was always there for us with kind words of encouragement and prayers. She was a devout Catholic and her devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus sustained her through her suffering. The faith she instilled in her family will help us bear the tremendous burden of her loss."

Members of her family include her three daughters, Denise (Bibeau) Palumbo and her husband Bob of Chelmsford, Susan (Pinell) Parolisi and her husband Tony of Methuen, and Lynn (Pinell) Shea

and her husband John of Andover; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Doctors and nurses at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital cared for Mrs. Williams before her death.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A funeral Mass was held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Andover followed by a burial at St. Augustine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115-6084.

Dr. Bradford F. Holt

11th generation of family born in Andover

Dr. Bradford F. Holt, 82, of Lynfield, died Feb. 18 at his residence. Born in Andover on April 28, 1922, he was the son of the late Herbert and Mildred (Flockton) Holt.

Dr. Holt, known in Andover as Brad, was the 11th consecutive generation of Holts born in Andover at the family home on South Main Street, known as the Red House. It is now owned by Michael and Sharon Ristuccia who restored it several years ago.

Dr. Holt attended Andover public schools and sang in the male chorus. He was a 1940 graduate of Pynchard High School. Dr. Holt was an

outstanding athlete on the Pynchard High School gym team from 1938 until 1940 when he graduated, according to a family friend.

Dr. Holt was a pilot in the Naval Air Corps during World War II. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 to train as a naval pilot. At the naval air station, in Millington, Tenn., in the summer of 1943 he was flying the Stearman biplane, affectionately known as the "Yellow Peril," when on a routine night training flight, his engine quit and the plane dove into the runway. He was seriously injured but was able to survive after a lengthy rehabilitation. However, this ended his Navy career and he was granted a medical discharge.

He was a member of the American Academy of Optometry and the American Optometric Association. He was also a member of the Lynnfield Rotary Club, Rotary Club International, the Masonic Temple

and the National Ski Patrol. He was an avid golfer.

Dr. Holt and his wife, Harriet, were voted Citizens of the Year in 1990 by the Lynnfield Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Harriet M. (Michelfelder) Holt; a son, Philip C. Holt of Salem, N.H.; two daughters, Gretchen E. Murray of North Reading and Johanna M. Holt of Bradford; a sister, Ruth H. Kearn and her husband, Charles of Florida; a sister-in-law, Martha M. Scott of Temple, N.H.; three grandchildren, Clinton E. and Andrea M. Morton and Alyse D. Murray; and a great-granddaughter, Leigha Haney. He was predeceased by his two sons, Marc E. Holt and David H. Holt.

A memorial service was held in Centre Congregational Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of the North Shore, 10 Elm St., Danvers, MA 01923.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DEAN — Catherine M. (Jones) Dean, 84, of North Andover, died Friday, April 15 at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of her family include her daughter Eileen and her husband James Rullo of Andover.

MOODY — Esther J. Moody, 77, died March 19 in Largo, Fla. Members of her family include her son Bruce S. and his wife Suzanne, and grandchildren Jessica and Matthew Moody, all of Andover.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago — 1905

William C. Cowley has added a shoe-shining parlor to his shoe store in Carter's block.

Next Wednesday, Pynchard will play its first league game, Saugus being the opponent. The team will play North Andover at North Andover next Friday.

Martin Doherty, a recent candidate for selectman, has purchased a horse and wagon and will start an Andover and Lawrence express.

The children are practicing diligently for the cantata, which is to be held in the Town Hall on Friday evening, May 5, under the auspices of Indian Ridge Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" will be presented by the senior class of Abbot Academy next Tuesday evening, April 25. Tickets may be obtained at the bookstore or at the door and will be 50 cents.

Parents' Day was observed at the Stowe School last Tuesday. About 125 parents of the children were present and there were many expressions of pleasure at the quality of the work the children are doing.

"How would you like to get the ice man?" Well you can hereafter for B.F. Holt is not connected by telephone.

A party of young ladies enjoyed a brake ride to Bald Pate on Wednesday afternoon. Fred Higgins conveying the party. On arriving at Bald Pate, the ladies proceeded to enjoy themselves with baseball, dancing and music. A fine supper was served and the return trip was made 'neath a beautiful full moon.

Many local Odd Fellows attended the convention of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows which was held in the City Hall, Lawrence. It was held for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the first and third degrees in the order.

Superintendent Palmer will take the pupils of the ninth grade accompanied by their teachers, on a sightseeing trip to Boston on Saturday, April 29.

75 Years Ago — 1930

The Andover League of

Women Voters entertained state officers and delegations from local leagues throughout the state at the Phelps House, the home of Mrs. Horace M. Poynter, on Tuesday. The occasion was the Finance Field play, which closed the statewide membership contest held this year. The purpose was to acquaint league members, other than finance committees, with methods of finance, and future programs of membership and money-raising activities.

Howard Huntress, a sophomore at MIT, is spending the annual spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Louis Huntress in town.

A whist party will be held on Easter Monday evening in the GAR Hall under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary to Walter L. Raymond camp, 111, Sons of Veterans. Play will start at 7:45 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend. Souvenir will be awarded to the highest scores of the evening.

Miss Florence L. Abbott was re-elected president of the Andover Natural History Society at the regular April meeting held in the Pynchard Building on Tuesday evening. An informal talk on the new planet was given by Edwin T. Brewster who described graphically its relation — as to size and position — in the solar system.

The alumni and friends of Pynchard are again reminded that the Alumni Players will present another play, the "Mystery Man," in the Town Hall on Friday evening, April 25. Tickets at 75 cents and 50 cents, may be obtained from members of the Alumni Association or at Pynchard. The entire proceeds will be devoted to a scholarship fund, which they hope to have available in the near future.

Now is a good time to plant pansies. We invite you to visit the S.R. Keirstead Pansy Gardens on Morton Street.

Plans for Andover's community breakfast are well under way and the usual hearty cooperation of the townspeople will undoubtedly be forthcoming again. The annual May breakfast has come to be an established institution that provides a

splendid opportunity to support a worthy cause and at the same time enjoy the benefits of social contacts at a May morning get-together of young and old, professors and toilers, students and office workers, businessmen and homemakers.

Andover's fire department has had heavy-duty experience again, due to the many forest and brush fires that have broken out in this vicinity during the recent dry days. The reoccurring fires of early spring emphasize the great need of caution on the part of passing automobilists and of those who start campfires in the woods contrary to law. Careless tossing of abandoned cigarettes to the roadside is one of the main causes.

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The community Easter Egg Hunt conducted by the Andover Guild will be held Saturday afternoon at the town park. Every child in the community under 12 years of age is invited to share in the fun. About 75 women are cooperating in the effort to make this the biggest and most successful hunt Andover has ever had.

50 Years Ago — 1955

"Daily Dip," the annual aquacade of the Catalina Club of the Youth Center, will be held April 30 at 7:30 in the Phillips Academy pool. Director Joan Rizzo announced that special diving exhibitions will be given by a student at Babson College.

Salk polio vaccine may be in use here by May 1. That's the word from the Board of Health, after a check with the state department of public health. The local board met recently to discuss the program for inoculation of all students in grades one and two who return the parental consent slip.

"Happy Birthday To You." The Brownies celebrated their first birthday as a troop last week in the Ballardvale Community Building. From the

looks on their faces, a good time was had by all.

An enthusiastic group of young folks, members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the West Church, left by bus Sunday for a two-day visit to points of interest in New York City. Places visited included: Radio City, United Nations, Empire State Building and the Planetarium.

The Y-Teens presented an "Easter Parade" at the Lawrence YWCA last Wednesday night.

Edward I. Erickson, superintendent of schools, will be among the educators and church leaders who will work closely with the four Greater Lawrence Hospital directors to prepare for National Hospital Week.

Five Andover boys, students at Essex County Agricultural School, are now engaged in the supervised summer project phase of their vocational training program. These boys are five of the 200 students at the school who entered this work experience phase of their education on March 28.

Gaucha Shirts \$2.95-\$3.95. Fine cotton knit gaucha shirts in plain colors. Macartney's of Andover.

Girl Scout Troop 19 held a hike and cookout recently at Camp Maude Eaton, Pomp's Pond. The purpose of the cookout was to teach the girls how to make a one-pot meal over a camp fire. After the cookout, corn was popped over the open fire.

The Andover Garden Club will hold its Flower Show on May 18 at Christ Church Parish House. There will be classes including table, church, and home arrangements. There will also be a class for potted plants and African violets, which will be open to all residents of Andover. Also, the Andover Tree Department will also have an exhibit.

25 Years Ago — 1980

The combined town and school budgets, as approved Monday, will have an impact of approximately \$1.50 on the tax rate, according to the town manager.

— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Caroline Whalen

RELIGIOUS NEWS

South Winds service

South Winds at South Church will offer a service of worship at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 23 in the South Church sanctuary, on God's — and our own — creative spirit. The Phillips Academy Faculty Jazz group will offer music for the service in the tradition of sacred jazz, according to organizers.

Passover begins Saturday

Last Wednesday, 75 members and friends of Temple Emanuel's Sisterhood gathered at the temple for a Passover Cooking Demonstration.

Passover, which begins Saturday, April 23, is the eight-day observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II. A time of family gatherings and lavish meals called Seders, the story of Passover is retold through the reading of the Haggadah. With its special foods, songs, and customs, the Seder is the focal point of the Passover celebration.

Shown in the photo at left, sampling macaroons that are often part of the Passover meal, are from left to right: Laurie Liffman, co-chairwoman of the event; Jeanne Topham of I Dream of Jeanne Cakes, and Amy Risman, co-chairwoman

of the event. Also during the evening, the Sisterhood members were able to see products from several vendors including a large selection of Passover items from the Temple's Judaica Treasures boutique.

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel has more than 250 members and supports the Temple Emanuel community with a range of interests, from children's programming to senior events. Membership in the Sisterhood is not restricted to Temple members. Women are welcome who have children in the Nursery School at Temple Emanuel or who are interested in experiencing Jewish life. For more information, call Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356 or visit www.templemanuel.net.

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Sports

GIRLS TENNIS

Can they net yet another banner year?

Team looks for 16th straight championship as it, other AHS teams get off to fast starts

By Rick Harrison

Individual wins by seniors Brittany Moriarty, Meghan Keefe and Felicia Thompson highlighted strong showings by both the Andover High girls and boys track & field teams at the annual Tewksbury and Haverhill Invitational Meets.

The AHS girls, who also placed first in two relays, finished third in a 15-school field at the 10th annual Tewksbury event held at Lovely Field (because of construction adjacent to the TMHS track).

The Golden Warrior boys were fourth among 24 teams at the 29th annual Haverhill competition.

The track athletes weren't the only ones enjoying early spring-season success as the Andover varsity baseball, boys volleyball, boys lacrosse, girls tennis and boys tennis teams are also off to strong starts.

GIRLS TENNIS

Andover High girls tennis, chasing an unprecedented 16th straight Merrimack Valley Conference championship, started the season 2-0 with convincing wins over Lawrence (5-0) and Central Catholic (4-1).

Schedule

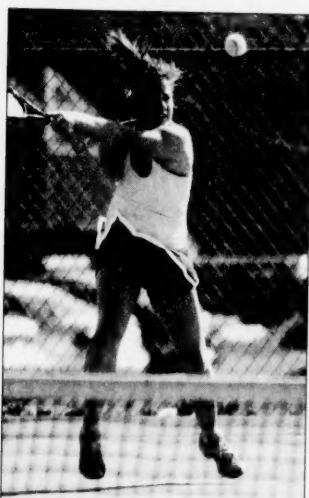
The Andover girls, in the middle of a 10-day spring vacation week layoff, return to action with three home matches next week against Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro (Monday), Billerica (Wednesday) and non-league Lynnfield (Friday).

All three have 3:30 p.m. starts at the AHS courts.

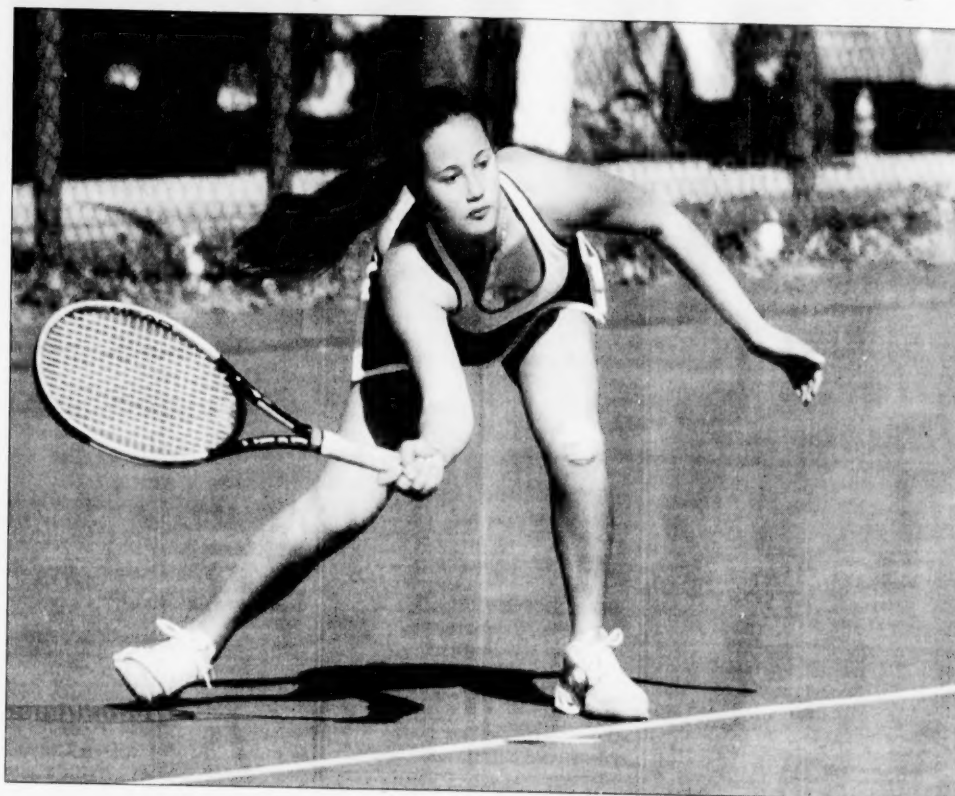
Andover 5 Lawrence 0

The Lady Warriors lost only one game in 10 sets on the way to the season-opening romp over host Lawrence.

In singles play sophomore Caroline Koch, junior Emma Haak and sophomore Kristina Black registered 6-0, 6-0 romps over the Lancer trio of Scarlet Espinosa, Melissa Par and Cassandra Hua.



WINNING IMAGE — Senior captain Christine Spang defeated her Central Catholic opponent 6-1, 6-0.



PICTURE PERFECT — Caroline Koch blanked her opposition at second singles in her match for Andover when they hosted Central Catholic. The sophomore also eased to a 6-0, 6-0 victory in an earlier match against Lawrence.

First doubles tandem Patty Collins and freshman Hannah Hoerner, the latter playing her first varsity match, also won 12 straight games in a 6-0, 6-0 blitz of Linda Pham and Di Thuch.

Completing a quick afternoon's work were junior Shannon Fitzgerald and sophomore JooHee Yoon at second doubles, as the AHS duo posted a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over Sowiny Sopha and Thanh Nguyen of Lawrence.

"This match offered us the opportunity to give some of our younger players invaluable varsity experience," said AHS coach David Hughes. "That early-season exposure will pay off in the future."

Andover 4 Central Catholic 1

Although Central accomplished something no MVC opponent was able to do last year — scoring a point against the Lady Warriors — it wasn't nearly enough as the AHS girls rolled to their 239th consecutive conference victory in the home opener.

The last time the locals did not win a match 5-0 was May 16, 2003 (a 4-1 victory over Chelmsford).

The CCHS triumph came at first singles, where sophomore Amanda Carroll came from behind to outlast Andover junior Hannah Zarkar 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 in a marathon battle that lasted more than two hours.

"This is the first time Hannah and Amanda faced each other in an MVC match — and with both girls being underclassmen this looks like the beginning of a strong rivalry that will play out several more times over the next two years," said coach Hughes. "I'm pretty

sure they're the two best players in the league."

Zarkar had several match points in the second set, but Carroll rallied to win the tiebreaker before taking the decisive third set.

"It's a new role for Hannah, playing No. 1 in front of a crowd," said Hughes. "She handled it well but just wasn't able to finish Carroll off at several critical times."

"We're already looking forward to the rematch (May 16 at Merrimack College) and to all their future matches."

"We don't have a lot of three-set matches in conference play," added Hughes. "Win or lose this was good experience for Hannah and for the team."

Andover dominated the other four matches — losing only two games in eight sets.

Caroline Koch blanked the Raiders' Julie Fiorello 6-0, 6-0 at second singles, while senior Capt. Christie Spang was a 6-1, 6-0 victor over Meg McCleary at third singles.

First doubles of senior Capt. Lindsay Davidson and sophomore Rikki Sartor slammed Kara Crowley and Laura Shadallah 6-0, 6-1.

JooHee Yoon and senior Capt. Jodi Richard joined forces at second doubles for a 6-0, 6-0 blitz of Central's Bridget Collins-Lyman and Kasey Cook.

There were also three JV doubles matches, all won by Andover.

Patty Collins/Emma Haak cruised 6-0, 6-0, Shannon Fitzgerald/Kristina Black rolled 6-0, 6-0, and the freshmen pair of Athena Lynch/Rachel Wetmore prevailed 6-2, 6-2.

TRACK & FIELD

The Andover High girls piled up 78 points, 50 from their five first-place finishes, to trail only champ Central Catholic (108.33) and Tewksbury (92) at the Tewksbury Invite.

The boys earned 39.33 points at Haverhill, completing a sweep of the first four places by Merrimack Valley Conference schools as Central Catholic grabbed the title with 66, Lowell was runner-up with 50 and Chelmsford third with 41.

The Lady Warriors had several outstanding individual performances from seniors.

Meghan Keefe was the track MVP as she won the long jump, placed in the 100 high hurdles and was part of the winning 4x100 sprint relay squad.

Felicia Thompson earned the field event MVP by uncorking a winning 126'6" throw in the discus, believed to be the sixth-best toss all-time in the Greater Lawrence region.

Brittany Moriarty won the 800 meters in a blazing 2:19.92 and was a member of the winning 4x800 relay.

Schedule

The MVC Relays were held yesterday (Wednesday), after Townsman presstime, at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell.

Andover will host a tri-meet against Dracut and crosstown prep rival Phillips Academy next Wednesday at Lovely Field (3:30 p.m.).

ANDOVER GIRLS Tewksbury Invitational

The top six placers in each event

scored.

Senior middle distance standout Moriarty continued her mastery of the 800 meters, her winning 2:19.92 time more than a second faster than runner-up Jill Randolph of Chelmsford (2:21.18).

Keefe traveled six inches farther than her nearest pursuer in the long jump, soaring 16'4 1/2" for the victory.

Thompson was in a class by herself in the discus, her prodigious 126'6" toss almost 17 feet better than second place Colleen Sorenson of Central Catholic (109'8").

Keefe also placed third in the 100-meter high hurdles, her 17.00 clocking in the finals considerably slower than the 15.99 she ran to take first in the preliminary heats.

Libby Fortier contributed six points with a third place in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 8'6."

Senior Michelle Pirro ran the mile in 5:34.72 for third place, outpacing everyone in the 29-runner race except winner Courtney Mortimer of Haverhill (5:26.47) and Billerica sophomore Sydney Fitzpatrick (5:28.49).

Junior Courtney Hamer scored in the two-mile with her 12:28.12 time fourth overall.

The locals placed fourth and fifth in the 100 meter dash, freshman Christina Muccio and senior Jenny Dlesk an eye-lash apart in 13:57 and 13.59 respectively.

Muccio was 1 1/4 inches shy of scoring in the long jump, her 14'11" leap tying for seventh.

The Lady Warriors continued their mastery of the 4x100 sprint relay, edging Central Catholic by 17/100ths of a second after breaking the tape in 51.88 with Caroline and Brittany Pierce, Keefe and Dlesk.

The 4x800 relay triumph was the biggest blowout of the meet, the locals' 10:11.02 a whopping 12.65 seconds faster than runner-up Reading's 10:23.67.

There were several non-scoring performances by Andover sprinters, sophomore Laura Wareham 16th in the 100 meters (14.27), freshman Bizzy Detoria tied for 14th in the 200 meters (30.15) and junior Jess Prencipe 12th in 400 meters (66.23).

Junior Alli Carver placed 18th in the 800 meters (2:47.00), Lindsay Schoen (6:01.06) and junior Sarah Doucette (6:14.80) were 14th and 21st in the mile, and juniors Christy Nigh (13:31.00) and Kara Busta (14:01.51) registered 14th and 15th in the two-mile.

Sophomore Caroline Hodge took 10th in the 100 hurdles (18.43) and sophomore Lauren Vivian was 10th in the 300 hurdles (52.17).

In the field events, senior Kelly Morrissey was a scant half-inch from scoring in the triple jump with her 31'7 1/2" effort good for seventh place. Junior Jen Merinder placed 14th at 29'10 1/2."

Another seventh went to sophomore Kasey O'Dea in the javelin (90 feet).

Sophomore high jumpers Caroline Dampousse and Kerry Hill tied for 10th, clearing the bar at 4'8," while sophomore Jen Rayikumar tied for 14th (4'4").

Sophomore Lauren Keefe tied for

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■ GIRLS TRACK

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ninth in the pole vault (7'0") and sophomore Colleen Heath cleared 6'0."

Junior Donna Lamontagne soared 13'2 1/2" in the long jump.

Also competing in the throwing events were senior shot putter Gayle Altschuler (14th, 24'8"), senior Kara Bularzik in the discus (ninth, 71'4"), junior Whitney Domingan in the javelin (10th, 76'1") and sophomore Lauren Barry in the javelin (66'1").

ANDOVER BOYS

Haverhill Invitational

Senior Chris Cole chalked up 14 points to spark the Golden Warriors, finishing second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (40.55) and third in the discus (134'0").

Senior Dave Chercallah placed third in the javelin with a 158'1" throw.

Junior Jason Sheldon raced to fourth place in the 100 meters (11.57), finishing just 15/100ths of a second behind runner-up Devin Dozier of Nashua, N.H. North.

Senior Gabe Greeley tied for fourth in the pole vault (11'6"). Vasilis Kostakis was fifth in the 400 meters (52.27) and James Primes earned a point with his sixth in the two mile (9:50.62).

The Andover 4x100 sprint relay placed second in 45.44, the 4x800 quartet was fifth in 8:31.38 and the 4x400 just missed scoring (seventh, 3:38.56).

Sophomore Frank Perrone placed 10th in the frosh-soph mile (4:49.79), junior Greg Lewis was 11th in the 110 hurdles (16.95) and junior Eric Donahue 15th in the 200 meters (24.70).

Senior Alex Perry competed in both the 100 meters (12.39) and long jump (16th, 18'4").

Sophomore Tom Jackson ran in the 300 hurdles (48.15), junior Peter Brown (10:50.86) and senior Oleg Seletsky (10:53.43) in the deuce, junior Brendan Richardson in the 110 hurdles.

In the field events, seniors Mike Gustin (18th, 40'10") and Mike Cerchione (25th, 38'5") tossed the shot put, junior Justin Ferguson (24th, 122'3") and senior John Federico (30th,

117'4") threw the javelin, junior John Kim (23rd, 105'7") and Geoff Stevens heaved the discus and freshman Santiago Costello placed 22nd in the triple jump (35'11").

Freshmen Joe Terranova (26.24) and Mike Mullen (26.41) ran in the frosh-soph 200 meters.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Stretching its win streak through five straight matches, the Andover High boys varsity volleyball team swept Billerica and Dracut, 2-0, and pulled out a dramatic come-from-behind 2-1 win over stubborn Central Catholic.

The Central match went down to the third game, with AHS erasing a late five-point deficit to prevail in overtime.

Those results boosted coach George Sullivan's crew to 5-1 overall.

"Our kids have shown tenacity and a lot of second and third effort," said Sullivan. "Their attitude is outstanding and it's obvious this group enjoys playing volleyball."

"We're still making our share of mistakes — but overcoming many of them with hard work and hustle."

Schedule

Andover returned to the court yesterday (Wednesday), after Townsman presstime, when it hosted Westford Academy.

Tomorrow morning the locals have a tough assignment at Haverhill (10 a.m.), and next Monday winless Lowell comes to the Dunn Gym for the first of three straight home matches (5:30 p.m.).

St. John's Prep of Danvers is the opponent on Wednesday and Billerica next Friday (April 29).

Andover 2 Billerica 0

The Golden Warriors kept it together nicely in a tight second game, completing the sweep of host Billerica with a 31-29 overtime victory at the James Gym.

That triumph came after AHS had dominated the opening game on the way to a convincing 30-15 decision.

"Billerica has several very good athletes and I'll be surprised if they don't win their share of



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matt Hennessy slides safe into a stolen second base for Andover in its home game against Billerica.

BASEBALL

Sophomore lefthander Dan Godefroi fired a masterful complete-game two-hitter, striking out nine, as the Andover High varsity baseball team scored all its runs in the fourth inning of a 3-1 Merrimack Valley Conference victory over visiting Billerica at Peter Aumais Park.

The triumph was the fourth straight for the Golden Warriors, who headed into yesterday's game against Tewksbury with a perfect 4-0 record.

Schedule

AHS, which has played only one game

over an 11-day stretch, returned to the diamond yesterday (Wednesday) morning when it hosted Tewksbury (1-0) after Townsman presstime.

The locals play Chelmsford (2-2) tomorrow afternoon at Ayotte Field (2 p.m.) and then host Central Catholic (1-3) next Monday at Aumais Park (3:30).

Andover 3 Billerica 1

Godefroi, who came close to no-hitting the Indians, lost his shutout bid in the seventh when Billerica pushed across an unearned run.

Andover managed only four hits against Billerica tough-luck loser Greg Abelli (1-2), who shut out Concord-Carlisle 1-0 in the season opener earlier this month.

Two of the safeties, including an RBI single by Andrew Hennessy, came in the fourth and keyed the winning three-run uprising.

Andrew Hennessy and Matt Iorio accounted for two hits each and the runs were scored by Matt Hennessy, Andrew Hennessy and Greg Carroll.

Kevin Maigatter singled home Dan McWilliams with the lone BMHS run in the seventh.

matches this season," said coach Sullivan.

For the second consecutive match the locals were almost perfect from the service line, putting 44-of-46 in play for 96 percent accuracy.

On offense, AHS was 47-for-64 hitting (74 percent) with 16 kills.

Junior middle hitter Luke Bruno led a balanced attack, finishing 9-for-10 with four kills, while junior middle hitter Jerry Mohan was the top server at 14-for-14 with one of the team's two aces.

Other strong hitters included Mohan (7-for-11, three kills), Alex Day (5-for-6, two kills) and Alex Levine (4-for-9, two kills).

Contributing one kill each were junior setter Darren McRoy

(4-for-4), Chris James (8-for-9), Nick Assad (3-for-6) and defensive specialists Sam Silverman (2-for-2) and Pardeep Thandi (1-for-1).

Tyler Carroll went 3-for-4, Mike Gianopoulos 2-for-2 and Matt Jacobs 2-for-2.

Carroll and McRoy were both 7-for-8 serving, Carroll with one ace, while Silverman and Thandi were each 5-for-5 and Gianopoulos 4-for-4.

The Andover JVs had strong efforts from Pat McGovern (hitting, defense) and Nathan Casto (all-around) as they outlasted Billerica 2-1 in the prelim.

AHS came from behind for a 27-30, 30-24, 15-13 victory.

Andover 2 Central Catholic 1

This seesaw battle saw AHS roll 30-19 in the first game, fall 26-30 in the second and then rally from a 22-27 hole to pull out a 31-29 overtime triumph in the deciding game.

"Jerry Mohan and Mike Gianopoulos brought us back in the last game — Jerry with his hitting and Mike with his serving," said coach Sullivan. "It seemed Gianopoulos served on all the critical points down the stretch. He's very cool under pressure and his serves are low over the net."

"We were very sharp in the first game. But Central started jump-serving in game two and we fell apart. We looked lost, confused and had trouble shaking off our mistakes."

"Then we became a different team again and made the nice comeback late in game three," said Sullivan.

Dr. Jekyll — meet Mr. Hyde. Mohan finished with 16 kills, 21-for-30 hitting, one ace and 8-for-9 serving.

Darren McRoy contributed four kills, 7-for-10 hitting, two aces and 12-for-13 serving.

Also hitting well were Nick Assad (seven kills, 10-for-11 hitting), Alex Levine (five kills, 8-for-15), Alex Day (five kills), Luke Bruno (four kills, 5-for-8), Chris James (4-for-6, two kills) and Matt Jacobs (one kill, 3-for-4).

Gianopoulos matched McRoy's serving stats with 12-for-13 and two aces.

Capt. Pardeep Thandi was 11-for-12 serving, Tyler Carroll 6-

for-8, Jacobs 5-for-5 and James 5-for-5.

Capt. Sam Silverman was ill and missed the match.

As a team, Andover went 61-for-89 hitting (69 percent) and 59-for-65 serving (91 percent), with 35 kills and six aces.

Central fell to 3-3 with the loss.

The AHS junior varsity suffered a 2-0 loss to Central in the prelim. Pat McGovern and Kyle Butler (hitting) played well for Andover but the Raiders swept the games, 30-24 and 30-20.

Andover 2 Dracut 0

The Golden Warriors never trailed in either game, but host Dracut kept it interesting and made the locals work hard for their 30-22, 30-23 sweep.

AHS was undermanned for the match, with two players away on college visits and Pat Hughes still sidelined with a shoulder injury (he begins therapy this week).

Jerry Mohan led the offense with 10 of the team's 27 kills, going 16-for-24 hitting, and Luke Bruno contributed five kills on 13-for-19.

Matt Jacobs finished with four kills and 10-for-15 at the net, while adding three kills each were Darren McRoy (9-for-12) and Nick Assad (6-for-10).

Alex Levine was 7-for-9 hitting with a pair of kills, completing the attack were Mike Gianopoulos (2-for-2), Pardeep Thandi (2-for-3) and Tyler Carroll (2-for-3).

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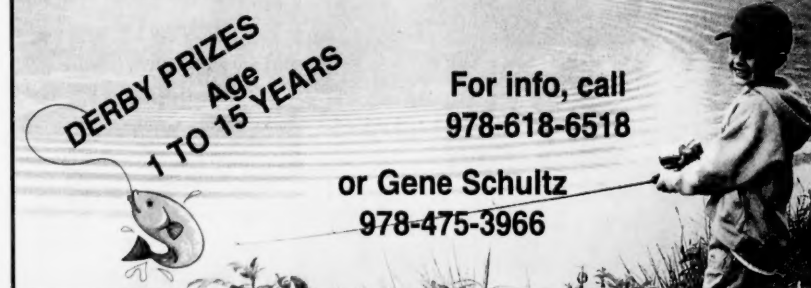
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AHS ROUNDUP

Boys tennis enters vacation undefeated in Valley

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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were Dracut setter John Cole (15 assists), Jeff Parlee (six kills, five blocks) and Mike Pagliaroni (three blocks, 12 digs).

Coach Kayleen McNulty's AHS junior varsity improved to 3-3 overall with a come-from-behind 2-1 triumph in the prelim, rallying for the 27-30, 30-27, 15-7 victory.

Strong performances were delivered by Greg James (setting), Kyle Butler (hitting, passing) and Pat McGovern (hitting, defense).

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team headed into its school vacation-week break with a perfect 2-0 Merrimack Valley Conference record following a 5-0 romp over Central Catholic at the Merrimack College courts.

The Golden Warriors, 2-1 overall, are biding their time until next Monday when they face a stern non-league test at St. John's Prep of Danvers.

AHS, in the middle of a six-match "road trip," also plays away next week at Billerica (Wednesday) and at Lowell (Friday). All matches start at 3:30 p.m.

Andover 5
Central Catholic 0

Central, a young team hit hard by graduation last spring, offered little resistance as the locals won all five matches in straight sets.

Andover lost only four games in singles and four in doubles.

"I was especially pleased with our doubles play because it was the first time both teams were paired in competition," said coach Mike Wartman.

"Central is rebuilding after losing some very good players."

In singles, AHS freshman Dave Adams stymied Zach

Zymanski 6-0, 6-0, junior Jeremy Hogan stifled Mike Michaud 6-1, 6-1 and senior Capt. Josh Caplan smothered Corey Michaud 6-0, 6-2.

Juniors Seth Davidovits and Julian Vastl came together in first doubles and rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 decision over Central's Matt Sansoucie and Eric Guerrero.

Equally impressive was the No. 2 tandem of junior Eric Krupnic and sophomore Steve Ochs who pounded out a symmetrical 6-1, 6-1 win against John Davis and Darren Deluca.

BOYS LACROSSE

Host North Andover powered out to a 6-1 first-quarter lead — and then traded goals with Andover the rest of the way — to register a 10-5 non-league boys lacrosse triumph in this showdown of area lax powers played under the lights at NA.

Head coach Wayne Puglisi's locals also pounded out a 10-1 Merrimack Valley Conference victory over Haverhill, with the split leaving AHS at 3-2 overall and 1-1 in MVC action.

Schedule

Andover, playing six of seven games on the road between now and May 9, returns to non-league action this afternoon (Thursday) at Lexington (1 p.m.).

The locals are then off until next Tuesday afternoon when Tyngsboro comes to town for an MVC game at the Shawsheen field (4 p.m.).

Andover 10
Haverhill 1

Stubborn Haverhill gave AHS some early problems, leading 1-0 after one quarter before the locals erupted for six second-period goals to key the MVC victory at the Shawsheen field.

Three players did all the scoring as junior attack A.J. Drivas netted a personal single-game high four goals, while juniors Mike LaMagna and Buddy Farnham each netted a hat trick.

Drivas and Andy Boudreau passed out an assist each.

Fledgling team Haverhill had beaten Central Catholic, 15-1, and Tyngsboro, 11-6, prior to facing Andover.

"Haverhill came out flying and played us tough," said coach Puglisi. "We may have experienced a little letdown from the win (5-4) over Lincoln-Sudbury — but it didn't last long."

"We talked about the importance of getting our first league victory of the season — and the kids responded."

Haverhill took advantage of a break to score a transition goal for its early 1-0 lead.

"Then they squatted on the ball and played a slow-down, control-type game," said Puglisi. "We told our guys to be patient and eventually the goals would come."

"The surprising thing was Haverhill kept the same strategy — holding the ball — even after falling by five (6-1) at the half."

Capt. Zach Gostanian played the first three quarters in net and made eight saves, while Mike Anderson had seven stops while blanking Haverhill in the fourth period.

Puglisi cited the strong defensive efforts of Capt. Jon Yost, Capt. John Fox and Shaheen Ghandhi.

North Andover 10
Andover 5

The Scarlet Knights, with a 7-1 overall record, used their six-goal first period as a springboard to victory.

"They flat-out outplayed us," said coach Puglisi. "It was scoreless for the first eight minutes

before they took a 1-0 lead and then popped two more quick ones."

"We came back when Mike LaMagna made a nice little move to the cage and scored. But we couldn't gain any momentum from that and by the end of the quarter we were down by five."

Buddy Farnham and LaMagna once again led the offense with two goals each.

Senior midfielder Andy Boudreau added a goal and LaMagna also passed out an assist.

Puglisi lauded the efforts of A.J. Drivas and junior defender Sam Ball.

Zach Gostanian played three quarters in net and made 10 saves, while Mike Anderson mopped up and had two stops in one period.

SOFTBALL

The Andover High varsity softball team found itself on both sides of last-inning rallies in two recent games, putting up three runs in the bottom of the seventh to nip North Reading, 3-2, and surrendering a pair of runs in the top of the seventh during a 2-0 loss to Methuen.

The split left the Lady Warriors at 2-2 overall and 0-1 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

The locals have already been involved in three shutouts. They could easily be 4-0 — but were also just three outs from suffering three straight 2-0 setbacks.

"We're not stringing much of anything together offensively," said head coach Stephanie Ragucci. "Hopefully the hitting will come around soon."

Schedule

AHS played at undefeated Dracut (3-0) yesterday morning (Wednesday), after Townsman presstime, and hosts Lawrence tomorrow morning (11 a.m.).

Dracut has one of the area's top pitchers in Erin Daly (8-0), who was fresh off a three-hit win over Westford Academy in which she also went 4-for-4 at the plate with a triple, double, two singles and five RBI.

Next week could be tough with afternoon games (3-30) at Chelmsford (Monday) — home versus non-league Nazareth Academy of Wakefield — Wednesday, and home against nemesis Tewksbury (Friday) which already owns a 2-0 win over the Lady Warriors this spring and is currently 5-0.

Andover 3
North Reading 2

In her first varsity start of the season, sophomore pitcher Katie Anderson (11-0) was shut up with a complete-game three-inning night strikeouts and only one walk (first batter of game).

"Katie worked hard in the off-season and she's getting more and more comfortable on the mound," said Ragucci. "It's hard to sit behind a good pitcher like Katie (Carpentier), so we often use Katie for two or three innings in JV games to keep her sharp and motivated."

This game was scoreless until the visiting Hornets pushed across a pair of runs in the sixth.

Backs to the wall in the seventh, AHS rallied for three runs and the victory after facing four of its six hits.

Sydney Layne launched the uprising with a single to left field. Becky Cairns singled to right and Emily Cummings tied the game with a two-run double to the gap in right-center.

Sophomore Tamar Brady then ripped a single to center and Cummings beat the throw to the plate.

Cummings finished with two hits and Caitlin Carpentier contributed a single.

Defensively, sophomore short

stop Mike Nanni came up with a big play when she cut down a North Reading runner at the plate trying to score from third on an infield grounder.

Methuen 2
Andover 0

The Lady Warriors' out-of-control pitching (8-5) put squandered runner-scoring opportunities.

Caitlin Carpentier returned to the mound and pitched well enough to win, leading the Lady Warriors while whiffing seven and issuing two walks.

Ragucci's "ace" sophomore, Heather Lortie (1-0), pitched 1.1 innings, gave a batter and out stronger as the game progressed. She finished the night with the sixth and seventh.

AHS left runners on base in each of the top three innings, stranded a runner at third base in the first, and a second base in the sixth.

The biggest threat came in the third inning, fourth out, when three straight singles landed the bases with one out.

Layne escaped the danger by tagging out a runner at the plate, trying to score on a passed ball, and then winning the next two batters.

The Rangers pushed across a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to break the tie.

In the home half, Mike Nanni stroked a two-out single to right before Layne ended the game with a strikeout.

Carpentier (doubles) and Sydney Layne paced Andover with two hits each while leadoff batter Maria Nasta, Becky Cairns, Emily Cummings and Navarro contributed a hit apiece.

The bottom third of the Methuen order combined for all five safeties, while the top six batters went 0-for-17 against Carpentier.

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman.

Jarrett Mackin of Andover, a freshman at the University of Colorado and the starting rightfielder for the Buffalos' baseball team, is off to an excellent start this spring.

Mackin, who batted over .400 for Andover High in 2004, has twice been named the Rocky Mountain Conference Player of the Week on the strength of his performances in series against the visiting University of Nebraska and University of Wyoming.

Mackin blasted a pair of three-run homers and a game-winning single to power Colorado to a two-game sweep of Nebraska which had entered with a 10-1 record.

The following week, Mackin led a three-game sweep of Wyoming when he hit .600 with a homer, triple, double and 6-for-10 overall.

He also added four runs scored, two stolen bases and reached twice when hit by pitches. UColorado was 5-0 on a season-opening Florida trip and entered this week at 13-1 overall and 5-1 in conference play.

Former AHS student-athlete Mackin was also an outfielder on last summer's Massachusetts state champion Andover Post 8 Legion team, which finished 26-5 and reached the Northeast Regional semifinals.

Jonathan Swift of Andover, a sophomore forward on the Hobart College men's ice hockey team, helped the Statesmen to a 14-6-4 record for the best winning percentage in the history of the program.

Swift played in 20 games this season and finished with six points on two goals and four assists, netting the goals against Manhattanville and Elmira.

Ranked among the top 15 Division 3 teams in the nation for much of the season, Hobart climbed as high as 11th in the polls after topping then No. 1 and eventual conference champ Manhattanville.

Andy Salini of Andover, a junior center-fielder on the Princeton University baseball team, was named to the Ivy League Weekly Honor Roll recently.

Salini, who starred at Phillips Academy and for the Andover Post 8 American Legion, had a .409 batting average through the Tigers first six games this spring.

Salini had nine hits, including a home run, and three RBI.

He made the Honor Roll after batting .667 in a three-game weekend series at William & Mary, including one 4-for-4 performance.

Salini helped Phillips to a New England Prep School Division A championship and was instrumental in getting Post 8 to the state tournament playoffs twice.

Ryan Shepard of Andover, a key member of last spring's MIAA Division 1 North Tournament semifinalist AHS baseball team and last summer's state champion Post 8 American Legion squad, is a starting center-fielder for Merrimack College this spring.

Shepard, who started the season as a reserve, was inserted into a game during the Warriors' Florida trip.

He responded to the move by lacing two hits and Shepard has not been out of the MC lineup since.

His older brother Kevin Shepard, former standout lefty pitcher at Andover High and Boston College, is playing Double-A pro ball in the Philadelphia Phillies minor league system.

Shepard, according to the AHS head varsity coach Ken Maglio, has been working the weights and has bulked up to the point where his fast ball now reportedly tops out at a blistering 93 m.p.h.

Nate Efinger of Andover, a senior member of the Ohio Wesleyan men's indoor track and field team, earned All-Conference honors recently after finishing top eight in four events at the NCAC Championship Meet.

Efinger, a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, placed third in the triple jump, seventh in both the 55-meter dash and long jump and eighth in the pole vault.

At the Rhodes Invitational to launch the outdoor season, Efinger was fifth in the 400

meter hurdles and pole vault, sixth in the long jump and seventh in the javelin.

Efinger contributed a fifth in the long jump at the Marv Frye Invitational.

Cameron Christie and **Ryan Heavey** of Andover were contributing players on the Valley Junior Warriors bantam division (age 13-14 years) minor hockey team, which finished its season by winning the 2004-'05 Massachusetts State Select Tier 1 and New England League championships.

The Junior Warriors defeated the Central Mass. Outlaws in the state title game played at the New England Sports Center in Marlboro.

The Warriors then went on to capture the New England League crown by beating the Seacoast Spartans in Connecticut.

Christie, who attends St. Augustine School, had a goal and two assists in the tournament while Ryan Heavey, who goes to the Wood Hill School, contributed two goals, one assist.

The Warriors finished with a spectacular overall won-lost-tied record of 73-5-2 this season.

Lauren Barber of Andover, the starting goaltender on the St. Anselm College women's lacrosse team, improved to 2-3 on the season by making 11 saves as the Lady Hawks defeated American International, 15-9, in Northeast-10 Conference play.

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Opinion

Show us your desire

IF ANDOVER SENIORS want and need a new senior center, now is their chance. The Senior Center Task Force has found a downtown location, and designed a facility that would fill the town's needs now and into the baby-boomers-as-elders future. With just two votes, one at Town Meeting next week and one at the ballot box within 60 days, seniors can have a gleaming 28,000 square foot facility.

The questions are: Do the majority of Andover seniors really want it? And, will they use it?

Frankly, a look at the number of seniors using the current center does not overwhelm. During a busy afternoon, you might find 45 people participating in four different activities. During other afternoons, you might find fewer. Delivering Meals on Wheels is elder services' largest role, based on use. While a small number of activities held outside the center would fit within a new center, others, such as water aerobics, would continue to be held at other locations.

Supporters of a new center argue that more people would attend the proposed center because there would be space for people to gather and talk, and for programs to be offered more often. More people might use a new center. But based on the center's own numbers, fewer than 150 people actually enter the current center on a typical day for its programs. And these numbers count the same person more than once for each program they use. This does not make an undeniable case for a new center more than two and a half times the size of the current center.

Seniors must make this case themselves at Town Meeting.

Everyone in politics knows that seniors always vote. It's also obvious that special interests have shown an ability to pack previous Town Meetings. The need for a better space for seniors is there. Years ago, seniors were stuck in the dark, bottom floor of a former school building. They are still there, using a cafeteria and three activity rooms, plus administrative space. More than 5,300 people over the age of 60 live in town, and the town's elder services acting director says the center serves as many as 50 percent of them. Therefore, senior-center supporters should be able to pack the Field House and the Collins Center with more than 2,500 seniors clamoring for a better facility. This would clearly show the rest of the town just how much a senior center is wanted by the senior and soon-to-be senior population.

Because, short of that, Andover is not going to go to the ballot box and spend \$7.6 million for construction, and also add more to its operating budget in future years. And it shouldn't. There are simply too many other clear needs and programs that other groups are willing to fight for.

Andover residents have shown the willingness to pay for expensive projects when there is a clear need and desire. Seniors of Andover, your time is now — if you desire it. Do you?

Web question

Online responders reluctant to spend

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve \$1.5 million for major building projects affecting schools, including replacing the steps at Memorial Auditorium and the Collins Center stage floor at Andover High. Should the warrant article pass?

36 people voted.
• 14, or 39 percent, said, Yes. Funding through Article 11 is needed for all the

line items to ensure students are in the safest environment possible, and the town does not have to pay more later."

• 2, or 6 percent, said, "Yes. But some of the major maintenance projects seem to take a higher priority than others. Money could be saved if certain projects were taken off the list for now."

• 20, or 56 percent, said, "No. With another tough budget year, taxpayers cannot expect to carry everything. The projects listed can wait until next year."

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HUGGING THE TURNS



Keeping cool at Penguin Park (from left) Justine, 8, and David, 4, get a push from their dad, Bob DiPasquale, on a tire swing. Penguin Park, which got its name from being on Iceland Road, was moved in 1990 to Burnham Road, its current location, because there was more parking.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

TOWN MEETING LWV positions

Editor, *Townsman*:

Based on our studies of the following issues, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is supporting the following Town Meeting warrant articles:

- Article 16: Solid waste and recycling trust fund for the NESWC money
- Articles 28-31: New senior center
- Article 34: Water treatment plant improvements
- Article 41: Fish Brook pump building and wetwell
- Article 55: Salt analysis for Fish Brook and Haggetts Pond watersheds
- Article 58: Municipal affordable housing trust fund

We remind citizens that when speaking at Town Meeting, moderator rules dictate that the speaker disclose any financial or other interest he or she may have in the article.

Peggy Kruse
145 Argilla Road
President, LWV of
Andover/North Andover

Productive interaction

Editor, *Townsman*:

Selectmen, School Committee and the Finance Committee members work to make Andover the fine town that it is. They have carried on the tradition of those who preceded them and have set a standard for those who will follow. The hours spent in meetings and on the phone come directly out of their personal lives. We might not always agree with their thinking, but their dedication to serve is so evident.

I would ask that everyone join in the spirit of Town Meeting as a productive interaction of thoughts. Everyone should make their views known and express them in a constructive manner to add to the quality of Andover.

Together, residents can make Andover a better place to live and raise families.

Warren Kappeler
17 Alden Road

Historical note

Editor, *Townsman*:

Mary Sacksteder's letter in the April 14 *Townsman*, said in part: "Republicans used the filibuster. Former US Sen. Strom Thurmond holds the record for the longest individual speech, over 24 hours against the Civil Rights Act of 1957."

According to the Strom Thurmond Institute page on the Clemson University Web site (www.strom.clemson.edu/strom/bio.html), Thurmond was a Democrat in 1957 and did not become a Republican until 1964.

Peter Traneus Anderson
42 River St.

Price of a dinner will put new senior center on plate

Editor, *Townsman*:

I have lived in the town of Andover since I was 4 years old and am a graduate of the Andover school system. I now have three young children who will also be attending Andover schools.

I am proud to call myself a resident of Andover.

As residents of Andover, we have been asked several times over the years to "do what is right" for our children and our schools, and I have done so happily. The children of our town deserve the very best education

possible, and it is our responsibility to see that they receive it.

I only hope that the citizens of Andover realize that our responsibilities lie not only with our children, but with our senior population as well.

The new senior center will provide services to benefit not only the seniors in town, but all town residents. This new facility will help keep seniors in our community by providing the social contacts and services they need. The center will also help families in our community, by relieving them of some of the

burdens of daily care for elderly relatives. It will also provide meeting spaces for other community groups and activities.

The financing plan for the new senior center means that for the average taxpayer the cost in the most expensive year will be less than \$55. The price of one dinner out will give Andover seniors a facility the whole town can be proud of.

I strongly urge people to come out and support Articles 28-31 at Town Meeting.

Kathryn Currie
36 York St.

We can't do it all, but we can decide together

Editor, *Townsman*:

We Andover voters need to say what are we willing to give up to get the most of what we want. This process ultimately requires respectful communication intersecting with diversity, then basic math.

My husband and I have raised three children (now high schoolers) in this town. My elderly mother moved here when her health failed and was on hospice. My sister is disabled, and has been in Andover and is now in another town. I have been an at-home mom, a soccer mom and a working-outside-of-the-home mom. I drive a minivan. I am an active recycler, and an out-of-shape former hiker and a community volunteer. I am active in a faith community. I am a physician in Andover, and have started a small business here. I vote at Town Meeting nearly every year, read the local papers regularly and attend very few town committee meetings.

I give this to say that, in many ways, I am an average

Andoverite.

I cannot say that I am up to date on all the decisions that have been made, but I have been to enough meetings to know that we cannot spend money that is not there. Furthermore, at times we seem to make decisions out of the passion at that moment. So, do the seniors, disabled, children and families of Andover need to be served? Do our employees need to be paid? Yes. Are increased security systems making us safer, or helping us know that we are doing what we can? What are we doing now that we are willing to do less of, or eliminate to fund these? I suspect that our town leaders are aware of the answers, and if so, are we listening? If they are not, we need to ask these hard questions.

Furthermore, we need to identify what resources we can reuse or what dreams we can combine and thus make affordable. (We have a fair amount of town and private space which is for a designated use, and sits unused when not being used for

that reason. A community center, with designated rooms or wings for each group, could serve youth, seniors and families, and have the support of all these groups.)

This is not a criticism of our leaders; it is a plea for deep introspection on each of our parts. There is so much in Andover, yet so many seem to suffer a sense of inadequacy. What choices do we each make of our resources of time, talent and money? How can we, *working together*, respecting the differing wants and resources of all, make these tough tradeoffs and direct our leaders? And how can we recreate our vision of Andover to one of shared abundance? We will not all get what we want, but we can communicate clearly and respectfully such that we maximize the potential, can be humble "winners" and gracious losers (who might try again), and continue the cycle of cooperative forward growth.

Suetta Tenney
Bateson Drive

Tracking air pollution

Editor, *Townsman*:

Guilford Rail System is polluting Andover's air. They ignore federal Clean Air regulations, idling trains for hours and days on end, releasing toxic carcinogens into our children's lungs and ours. Out of environmental concern and the immediate danger to our health, we must demand this practice stop.

Children frolicking at Penguin Park, individuals playing sports at one of the many Shawheen fields, those working at Brickstone, or neighboring businesses and those who dwell in the Shawheen neighborhood are regularly breathing harmful chemicals due to Guilford's arrogance.

They can and should be fined by the Department of Environmental Protection,

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THURSDAY FILE

Everything that is new or uncommon raises a pleasure in the imagination, because it fills the soul with an agreeable surprise, gratifies its curiosity, and gives it an idea of which it was not before possessed.

JOSEPH ADDISON

Leadership is not so much about technique and methods as it is about opening the heart. Leadership is about inspiration — of oneself and of others. Great leadership is about human experiences, not processes. Leadership is not a formula or a program, it is a human activity that comes from the heart and considers the hearts of others. It is an attitude, not a routine.

LANCE SECRETAN

Every memorable act in the history of the world is a triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it because it gives any challenge or any occupation, no matter how frightening or difficult, a new meaning. Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity but with it you can accomplish miracles.

OG MANDINO

The thing, of course, is to make yourself alive. Most people remain all of their lives in a stupor.

SHERWOOD ANDERSON

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvanloo.ca, and it offers quotations such as these.

LETTERS

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 55

Students call for action to reduce salt in watershed

Editor, *Townsmen*:

There is too much salt in Andover's drinking water.

Some of the eighth-grade students at Wood Hill Middle School have been examining the salt issue in Fish Brook, a brook that contributes to the water supply of Andover. It has been brought to our attention that the salt levels in Fish Brook are much too high. This is unhealthy to all citizens in Andover and the towns that buy water from us, but especially for those who have health problems and have a salt-restricted diet.

We believe this can be attributed to the Mass Highway salt shed, which is on the Andover

watershed. Mass Highway has violated a Massachusetts law that says no snow-removing chemicals should be stored within 200 yards of a river that contributes to our drinking supply, if there is a possibility that the salt will leach into the ground. The salt shed is within

200 yards, and our findings show leaching is a very real possibility, as the salt levels in Fish Brook are above federal guidelines at times when there has been precipitation.

It is time for the citizens of Andover to take a stand against this injustice. The salt is poisoning the collective health of Andover. People can get involved by going to the Town Meeting and voting on issues such as these. We ask residents to get involved and help us get our clean water back.

Lauren Kirwin
42 Juniper Road
Katie LaBatte
10 Webster St.

Editor's note: This letter was one of 10 letters received by the *Townsmen* from students at Wood Hill Middle School this week. Each letter addressed the issue of salt levels in Fish Brook, a tributary to the town's water supply.

EPA should take action

■ TRAIN LETTER

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which was given the power to enforce clean air regulations by the federal government.

In the recent *Eagle-Tribune* article "Idling trains choking neighbors" a Guilford executive, Vice President David Finks, claims ignorance. He said that he has not been contacted about this issue in our town. My husband Chris and I have been in regular and ongoing contact with Guilford since we purchased our home in 1996. We have spoken

on numerous occasions to the director of train operations, Larry Ferguson, as well as the assistant-directors, Steve Ballafort and Mark Clegg. Several neighbors, on York and Enmore streets have been tracking and reporting idling, unattended and unsecured trains to police and town government for years. In light of 9/11, shouldn't this serious matter be given more attention and perseverance? Andover health officer Dan Tremblay contacted Guilford Rail in March 1998 about several state-regulation viola-

tions. He assured me last week this serious complaint is now being investigated and pursued at the EPA level.

Guilford Rail needs to find solutions to its track-congestion issue that do not include jeopardizing Andover people's health or ruining the environment. I ask fellow townspeople, town and state officials and the EPA to pressure the Guilford Rail System to be accountable once and for all. They must now do what is legal and, more importantly, what is right.

Tracey McGettrick Meech
18 Fleming Ave.

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Guided by the books' menu suggestions and "Tips for a Festive Evening," I set the pockmarked table with my finest scratched plastic plates and hand-me-down stainless flatware, floral paper napkins and nearly matching jelly-jar glasses. This was a table fit for the finest screw-top wine! One of the cookbooks offered a recipe for deliciously descriptive meatloaf, but it was too plebian for such a sophisticated hostess. So, I fooled around with the published formula. In my hands the hamburger became Play-Doh, and after molding and stretching, pounding and pressing, it eventually resembled a single-layer cake. I added a lip on its edge, and turned it into a pie! I filled the inner well with marinara sauce and slices of cheddar cheese, slid the pie into the oven and watched as it browned and bubbled. My friends raved at this creative cuisine, and thus the hamburger pizza was born.

What we loved about this ersatz meatloaf/cheeseburger/crustless pizza was that it fit our four criteria for a successful meal. 1) It was good, meaning the food was simple but tasty. 2) It was fast, meaning the meal would be quick and easy to make. 3) It was cheap, which for those of us struggling with limited budgets translated to "affordable." 4) Finally, it was fun. Fun to make and fun to eat. We ate every bite and had a great time. Over the years, as our salaries rose and we purchased condominiums and homes, my friends still talked about that hamburger pizza. It became our group's comfort food.

Fast-forward 15 years: As a young mother, I learned that children prefer straightforward fare, food that's not fussy (note criteria No. 1: GOOD).

They don't want to wait around for hours while something stews or roasts; when they get hungry they need immediate calories (No. 2: FAST).

Kids don't eat a huge amount of food, so the ingredients should not come from the pricey gourmet aisle or be a budget-buster (No. 3: CHEAP).

Moreover, I think all kids have a mutated gene or DNA strand that tells them to play with their food. It commands them to push potatoes around on the plate, build little forests out of broccoli and simulate train wrecks in their mouths with semi-masticated steak (No. 4: FUN). ZAP! The proverbial light bulb went on above my head. Hamburger Pizza isn't just for college students. It's the perfect meal for children, too!

Ironically, hamburger pizza is neither a hamburger nor a pizza. There's neither bun nor crust, and I wouldn't suggest tossing it into the air. But the result is one yummy tidbit that children will find irresistible. They'll be able to make it themselves, with minimal adult assistance. It is ready in less than 20 minutes, tastes great, and is inexpensive to prepare and squishy-gooey fun to make. Hamburger Pizza is the recipe for kids' vacation delight.

INGREDIENTS:

Serves 4 comfortably

For the "crust":

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef (85% lean)
- 1/4 cup of marinara or other spaghetti sauce, any jar, any brand, or homemade
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup breadcrumbs (plain or Italian seasoned) (may substitute one slice of white bread soaked in a bit of tomato juice)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced, a sprinkle of garlic powder, or 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic from a jar (available in the vegetable section of most supermarkets) (this is a great product if you don't want your children using knives)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (may omit if keeping kids away from knives, but add some onion powder for flavor) (think about pre-chopping or using frozen chopped onion, available in the frozen food section of any grocery store)
- Up to 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

For the "topping":

- 1/2-cup marinara or other spaghetti sauce, any jar, any brand, or homemade (the same type of sauce used in the crust)
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella, cheddar, Monterey jack or other cheese (or any combination of cheeses; I like a pre-packaged blend of mozzarella and provolone called "pizza cheese")
- A sprinkle of Parmesan cheese

1. Spray a cookie sheet (use a pizza pan if you have one available) with non-stick spray. Set the sheet aside. Preheat the oven to 450°.

2. Put the ground beef in a large bowl. I use 85% lean ground beef, which produces a juicy, flavorful and moist "pizza." The extra fat also allows for over-working or over-mixing the meat. If kids are making this meal then you'll appreciate having the 15% fat content.

3. Pour in the marinara sauce (for flavor and moisture).

4. Add in the egg (to bind the mixture together).

5. Dump in the breadcrumbs (to absorb excess moisture).

6. The garlic comes next.

7. Oops, don't forget the onion!

8. Finally, season with salt and basil.

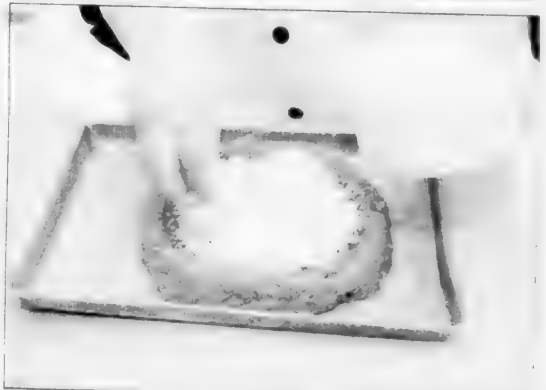
9. Let your kids start squishing and mixing until everything is evenly distributed. Then let them play a little more.

10. Make a big ball out of the hamburger mixture, plop it into the center of the prepared cookie sheet and press it down into a flat cake. Form a lip on the edge of the meat, creating a shape resembling a pizza with crust. This lip will help hold the melted cheese and other potential runaway ingredients.

11. Top with sauce and cheese. Sprinkle a little extra parmesan on top, pop into the preheated 450° oven, and bake for 15-18 minutes or until the cheese is slightly brown and bubbly. Assign a child to be the timekeeper and/or pizza monitor. An adult should carefully remove this lovely creation from the oven and let the pizza rest for a few minutes. Slice, eat and enjoy! And just like regular pizza, some will eat with a knife and fork, but the majority of kids will want to use their fingers. Remember, this is supposed to be fun food!

VARIATIONS:

Some kids really like pepperoni on their pizza, while others like sausage. I say, "Go for it!" Parents tend to load up on vegetables, erroneously thinking this leads to a healthier meal. Still, I grill veggies ahead of time and put them on top of my hamburger pizza. You might want to put sliced mushrooms on half of the top and Hawaiian pineapple and ham on the other half. If there's leftover macaroni



Despite the name and the pizza-like toss exhibited in top photo, hamburger pizza isn't really a pizza. In the middle photo above, Andover resident Terry Kay Bargar puts some toppings on the hamburger meat. Directly above: The finished product.

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and cheese in the refrigerator then use it here. Play with the combination of cheeses. Or make mini pizzas and let each child cover his or her pie with a unique topping. All cheese with no sauce. All sauce without the cheese. Whatever you like on traditional pizza you'll love on Hamburger Pizza. Most of all,

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Guided by the books' menu suggestions and "Tips for a Festive Evening," I set the pocket-sized table with my finest scratched plastic plates and hand-me-down stainless flatware, floral paper napkins and nearly matching jelly-jar glasses. This was a table fit for the finest screw-top wine! One of the cookbooks offered a recipe for deliciously descriptive meatloaf, but it was too plebeian for such a sophisticated hostess. So, I fooled around with the published formula. In my hands the hamburger became Play-Doh, and after molding and stretching, pounding and pressing, it eventually resembled a single-layer cake. I added a lip on its edge, and turned it into a pie! I filled the inner well with marinara sauce and slices of cheddar cheese, slid the pie into the oven and watched as it browned and bubbled. My friends raved at this creative cuisine, and thus the hamburger pizza was born.

What we loved about this ersatz meatloaf/cheeseburger/crustless pizza was that it fit our four criteria for a successful meal. 1) It was good, meaning the food was simple but tasty. 2) It was fast, meaning the meal would be quick and easy to make. 3) It was cheap, which for those of us struggling with limited budgets translated to "affordable." 4) Finally, it was fun. Fun to make and fun to eat. We ate every bite and had a great time. Over the years, as our salaries rose and we purchased condominiums and homes, my friends still talked about that hamburger pizza. It became our group's comfort food.

Fast-forward 15 years: As a young mother, I learned that children prefer straightforward fare, food that's not fussy (note criteria No. 1: GOOD).

They don't want to wait around for hours while something stews or roasts; when they get hungry they need immediate calories (No. 2: FAST).

Kids don't eat a huge amount of food, so the ingredients should not come from the pricey gourmet aisle or be a budget-buster (No. 3: CHEAP).

Moreover, I think all kids have a mutated gene or DNA strand that tells them to play with their food. It commands them to push potatoes around on the plate, build little forests out of broccoli and simulate train wrecks in their mouths with semi-masticated steak (No. 4: FUN). ZAP! The proverbial light bulb went on above my head. Hamburger Pizza isn't just for college students. It's the perfect meal for children, too!

Ironically, hamburger pizza is neither a hamburger nor a pizza. There's neither bun nor crust, and I wouldn't suggest tossing it into the air. But the result is one yummy tidbit that children will find irresistible. They'll be able to make it themselves, with minimal adult assistance. It is ready in less than 20 minutes, tastes great, and is inexpensive to prepare and squishy-goosy fun to make. Hamburger Pizza is the recipe for kids' vacation delight.

INGREDIENTS:

Serves 4 comfortably

For the "crust":

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef (85% lean)
- 1/4 cup of marinara or other spaghetti sauce, any jar, any brand, or homemade
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup breadcrumbs (plain or Italian seasoned) (may substitute one slice of white bread soaked in a bit of tomato juice)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced, a sprinkle of garlic powder, or 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic from a jar (available in the vegetable section of most supermarkets) (this is a great product if you don't want your children using knives)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (may omit if keeping kids away from knives, but add some onion powder for flavor) (think about pre-chopping or using frozen chopped onion, available in the frozen food section of any grocery store)
- Up to 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

For the "topping":

- 1/2-cup marinara or other spaghetti sauce, any jar, any brand, or homemade (the same type of sauce used in the crust)
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella, cheddar, Monterey jack or other cheese (or any combination of cheeses; I like a pre-packaged blend of mozzarella and provolone called "pizza cheese")
- A sprinkle of Parmesan cheese

1. Spray a cookie sheet (use a pizza pan if you have one available) with non-stick spray. Set the sheet aside. Preheat the oven to 450°.

2. Put the ground beef in a large bowl. I use 85% lean ground beef, which produces a juicy, flavorful and moist "pizza." The extra fat also allows for over-working or over-mixing the meat. If kids are making this meal then you'll appreciate having the 15% fat content.

3. Pour in the marinara sauce (for flavor and moisture).

4. Add in the egg (to bind the mixture together).

5. Dump in the breadcrumbs (to absorb excess moisture).

6. The garlic comes next.

7. Oops, don't forget the onion!

8. Finally, season with salt and basil.

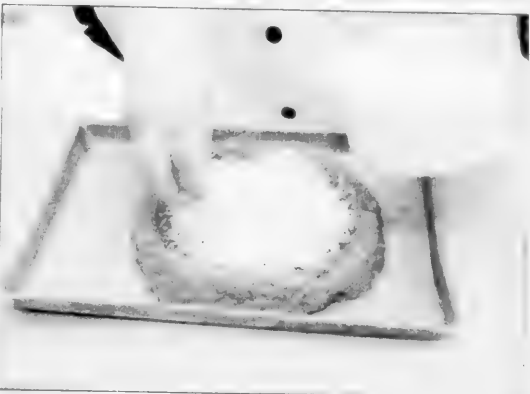
9. Let your kids start squishing and mixing until everything is evenly distributed. Then let them play a little more.

10. Make a big ball out of the hamburger mixture, plop it into the center of the prepared cookie sheet and press it down into a flat cake. Form a lip on the edge of the meat, creating a shape resembling a pizza with crust. This lip will help hold the melted cheese and other potential runaway ingredients.

11. Top with sauce and cheese. Sprinkle a little extra parmesan on top, pop into the preheated 450° oven, and bake for 15-18 minutes or until the cheese is slightly brown and bubbly. Assign a child to be the timekeeper and/or pizza monitor. An adult should carefully remove this lovely creation from the oven and let the pizza rest for a few minutes. Slice, eat and enjoy! And just like regular pizza, some will eat with a knife and fork, but the majority of kids will want to use their fingers. Remember, this is supposed to be fun food!

VARIATIONS:

Some kids really like pepperoni on their pizza, while others like sausage. I say, "Go for it!" Parents tend to load up on vegetables, erroneously thinking this leads to a healthier meal. Still, I grill veggies ahead of time and put them on top of my hamburger pizza. You might want to put sliced mushrooms on half of the top and Hawaiian pineapple and ham on the other half. If there's leftover macaroni



Despite the name and the pizza-like toss exhibited in top photo, hamburger pizza isn't really a pizza. In the middle photo above, Andover resident Terry Kay Bargar puts some toppings on the hamburger. Directly above: The finished product.

Photos by Tim Jean

and cheese in the refrigerator then use it here. Play with the combination of cheeses. Or make mini pizzas and let each child cover his or her pie with a unique topping. All cheese with no sauce. All sauce without the cheese. Whatever you like on traditional pizza you'll love on Hamburger Pizza. Most of all,

please enjoy this activity and meal with your children.

► **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** appears next on Thursday, May 5. I'll be featuring a "breakfast in bed" menu for Mother's Day. Even though it's Mom's special day the entire family will love these festive and special ideas.

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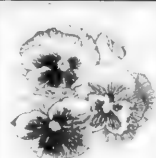
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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Matsunaga-Dollard

Mr. and Mrs. Kideki Matsunaga of Elk Grove, Calif. announce the engagement of their daughter, Akari Melissa Matsunaga of Boston, to Christopher Paul Dollard of Andover.

Mr. Dollard is the son of the Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dollard of Andover.

Ms. Matsunaga received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree from Boston University. She is employed at Dana Farber.

Mr. Dollard received a bachelor's degree from Boston College and a master's degree from Gordon-Conwell Seminary. He is employed at Riverside Community Health.

The couple plan a May wedding.



Akari Matsunaga and
Christopher Dollard

Bellmore-Apperti

Michael and Marie Bellmore of Derry, N.H. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Bellmore of Lawrence, to Stephen Apperti, also of Lawrence.

Mr. Apperti is the son of Mary Ann Apperti of Andover.

Ms. Bellmore is a graduate of Presentation of Mary and Boston University and is pursuing her master's degree in social work at Salem State College. She is currently a child care counselor at St. Ann's Home in Methuen.

Mr. Apperti is a graduate of Lawrence High School and attended UMass Lowell. He is employed as a child care counselor at St. Ann's Home.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Amy Marie Bellmore and
Stephen Apperti

Pierce-Hargreaves

Nancy J. Hargreaves, daughter of George and Pauline

Hargreaves of Methuen, and Everett G. Pierce, son of the late Guy and Barbara Pierce of Sterling, Mass., were married in Kauai, Hawaii on Dec. 28.

The bride is a vice president for Banknorth in Andover.

The groom is the fire chief and emergency management director on the island of Nantucket.

The couple traveled to Molokai, Hawaii.

They live in Sterling and Nantucket.



Nancy Hargreaves and
Everett Pierce

Atkin-McKertich

William and Sallie Atkin of Endicott, N.Y. and Fort Myers, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Isabelle Atkin, to Robert H. McKertich.

The future bridegroom is the son of Walter and Glenda McKertich of Portland, Maine, formerly of Andover.

Ms. Atkin graduated from Union-Endicott High School in Endicott, N.Y., and the University of Rhode Island. She received a master's degree in elementary education from Lesley University in Cambridge. She is a first-grade teacher at St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School in Watertown.

Mr. McKertich graduated from Andover High School and the University of Rhode Island. He received a degree of juris doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. He is an attorney with Pickett, Miyares and Harrington, LLP, in Watertown.

The couple plan a July 23 wedding in Endwell, N.Y.



Rebecca Atkin and
Robert McKertich

Bartlett-Powell

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlett of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison, to Gregory Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Powell of Atherton, Calif.

Ms. Bartlett graduated from Phillips Academy in 1995. She received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and an

MBA degree from the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley. She is employed as an associate brand manager at Mattel in El Segundo, Calif.

Mr. Powell graduated from the Menlo School in 1994 and received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University. He is currently pursuing an MBA degree from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA.

The couple plan a September wedding.



Alison Bartlett and Gregory Powell

Romano-Ely

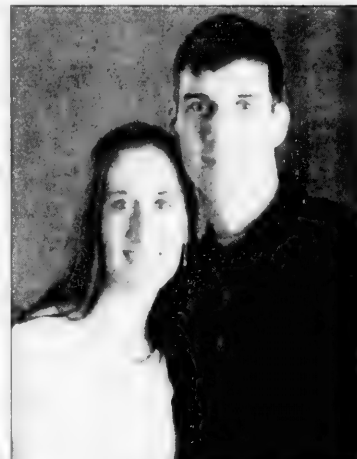
Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore V. Romano, of Middlebury, Conn. announced the engagement of their daughter, Brett C. Romano, to Matthew R. Ely, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ely of Andover.

Ms. Romano is a graduate of Pomperaug High School and James Madison University.

She completed her master's degree at James Madison University in 2003 in nutrition and exercise physiology. She currently resides in Cambridge and works as a nutritionist for a WIC clinic in Boston.

Mr. Ely is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He obtained his master's degree in exercise physiology at James Madison University. He also lives in Cambridge and is employed as a research coordinator at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

The couple plan a May wedding.



Brett C. Romano and
Matthew R. Ely

Trombly-Bennett

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of North Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Trombly of Andover, announce the engagement of their

daughter, McLain Erin Trombly of White Plains, N.Y., to Gregory R. Bennett, also of White Plains, N.Y.

Mr. Bennett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett of Andover.

Ms. Trombly graduated from North Andover High School in 1996 and Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. in 2000. She is a salesperson at Xerox Corp. in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham in 1995 and the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn. in 2000 and Quinnipiac University Law School, Hamden Conn. in 2004. He is an attorney at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker LLP in Stamford, Conn.

The couple plan a November wedding.



McLain Trombly and
Gregory Bennett

Lee-Cullen

Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Jane Lee of Westminster, Colo., to Leo Patrick Cullen, also of Westminster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel

Cullen of Maplewood, Minn.

Ms. Lee is a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy and Union College.

Mr. Cullen is a graduate of St. Paul's Academy and the University of Maryland. He is a professional soccer player for the Colorado Rapids.

The couple plan a July wedding.



Elizabeth Lee and Leo Cullen

Education

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Quick turnaround for schools

State reimbursement of \$15 million begins earlier than expected

By Dorian Block

The average homeowner in Andover will save \$54 in property taxes over the next three years, because the state delivered its payments for the new High Plain Elementary School and Wood Hill Middle School

three years early.

State Treasurer Timothy Cahill presented Andover with a \$15 million lump sum check in person last Wednesday, after *Townsmen* deadline. The event follows a new state policy for reimbursing towns for school

construction.

The town did not expect the money until 2008. Receiving it now saves the town \$250,000 in interest this year, and an estimated \$500,000 over the two years after that.

The money cannot be used

to bolster the town's operating budget because it will never be collected. It was originally approved by taxpayers as part of a Proposition 2 1/2 override vote only for the purpose of constructing the two schools completed in 2002 at the corner of High Plain Road and Cross Street.

"That is a dollar amount we don't have to spend, and we also won't tax," said Finance

Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

Cahill delivered the good news as he passed through Andover last Wednesday on his way to and from several other towns benefiting from the state's new policy. He toured Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary at length after handing an oversized symbolic check to two students from each school.

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Massachusetts State Treasurer Tim Cahill presents a check for \$15 million to the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle Schools. Accepting the check, from left to right, are sixth graders Lizzy Carroll and Joe Dalton, and fifth graders Jen Coneeny and John Belanger.



High Plain Elementary School Principal Brenda O'Brien, center, shows State Treasurer Tim Cahill around the school's library on Wednesday, April 13.

World Finals

4 teams have lofty destination

DI challenge ahead

By Judy Wakefield

Andover will have a presence on the national scene for geography and problem-solving skills as several middle-schoolers from around town will be featured in two different competitions.

Local geography whiz Krishnan Chandra, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, will compete in the National Geography Bee for middle-schoolers in Washington, D.C. on the last weekend in May. Meanwhile, four teams of students from Andover did well enough at their Destination Imagination state competitions that they will attend the global competition being held at the University of Tennessee. That four-day event is also happening in late May.

"Andover did great," said Mel Martin of the town's performance at the DI state competition held earlier this month. "It's awesome that the kids did so well. They were up against teams from around the state and four teams came in first or second place, so they are going to Tennessee."

Martin coaches a team from Wood Hill Middle School, which will send two teams to the global

competition in Tennessee. They will be joined by a team from Doherty Middle School and another from Andover High School.

There will be students from 47 states, and 15 countries taking part in the global competition.

As part of the competition, teams of up to seven students choose a challenge category and they spend several months perfecting a "solution" for tournament day.

The Destination Imagination competition is about teamwork and coming up with creative problem-solving, according to organizers. "Thinking on their feet, becoming comfortable with quick decision-making and further developing the team spirit are among the skills that Instant Challenges promote," according to the DI Web site.

Overall, eight teams from various town schools competed at the state competition with the aforementioned four scoring well enough to go to the global competition. The four teams are:

Wood Hill Middle Team 1

Team members, all eighth-graders: Robert Martin, Katie LaMark, Nic Galat and

Meghan Farquhar

Team manager: Mel Martin

Wood Hill Middle Team 2

Team members, all sixth-graders: David Field, Amanda Gusovsky, Allison Wheerwright, Samantha Pellegrino and John Terranova

Team managers: Marilyn Goose and Madeline Terranova

Andover High Team:

Team members, all 11th-graders: Andrea Kurkul, Julie Marton, Brad Colbert, Brian McCall, Carrie Pettee, Alyssa Wallace and Abby Wheelwright

Team manager: Remick Wallace

Doherty Middle School Team

Team members, all eighth-graders: Brian Mason, Brendan Crawford, David Keohane and Kasey Quinlan

Team manager: Siobhan Quinlan



The Wood Hill Middle School eighth-grade Destination Imagination team placed first at the State Tournament at WPI on Saturday, April 2. In addition, they won a Renaissance Award for creative engineering and performance skills. They will now go on to perform their solution to the challenge of "Sudden Serendipity" at Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn. Pictured, from left, are team members Katie LaMark, Nic Galat, Rob Martin and Megan Farquhar.

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Rachelle E. Dennis, a junior at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., is among 12 students who are spending the spring semester in Washington, D.C., studying political science.

Begun in 1935, the Washington Study Group is the oldest of Colgate's study groups, and was the first program of its kind established in Washington, according to the university.

During the spring semester, students serve two internships – one with the executive branch and one with Congress – take two



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mock Trial team from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover entered in the regional competition of the annual Association of Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Advocacy Competition. From left (bottom row): Assistant Professor Timothy R. Cagle of Andover; Clinton Wright of Townsend; Andrew Lockwood of New London, Conn.; and Jennifer Kunsch, Salem, N.H. The other member of MSL's top team, Thomas Walker, of Weare, N.H., is not pictured. Top row: Janine Lepore of Litchfield, N.H.; Nina Lewin of Chelmsford; Gary Kalajian of Belmont; Arlene Parquette of Chelmsford; and Associate Professor Anthony A. Copani of Atkinson, N.H.

seminars in American politics, conduct numerous interviews with political leaders, and "develop a lot of political savvy," according to a press release.

Dennis, the daughter of Robert and Marjorie Dennis of Andover, is concentrating in political science and Latin at Colgate.

The following University of Delaware students from Andover made the fall 2004 semester dean's list: **Caitlin Mariah Thomann** and **Elizabeth T. Taggart**.

The following Andover students have been named to either the first or second honors on the Clark University dean's list in Worcester. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester.

David Rainen has achieved first honors. Rainen is a member of Clark University's class of 2005 who studies psychology.

Laura Berger achieved second honors. Berger is a member of the class of 2008.

Thomas Valteau achieved second honors. Valteau is a member of the class of 2007.

Rainen, Berger and Valteau attended Andover High School.

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+ grades).

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Regis College in Weston announced that local residents have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Dean's list students from Andover include: **Laurie Naughton**, a management major; and **Tina Tomaszczuk**, a nursing major.

Senior, junior and sophomore members of the dean's list must maintain a 3.5 average. First-year students must maintain a 3.25 average.

A Mock Trial team from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover placed second among the 16 entered in the regional competition of the annual Association of Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Advocacy Competition, which included teams from Pace University School of Law, Suffolk University Law School, Quinnipiac University School of Law, Albany Law School, Roger Williams University School of Law, Rutgers School of Law, University of Buffalo Law School, and University of Baltimore School of Law.

The competition was held recently in Providence, R.I. MSL also had a second team in the competition.

MSL associate professor **Anthony A. Copani** of Atkinson, N.H. supervised the team's preparation, assisted by assistant professor **Timothy R. Cagle** of Andover.

Lindsey Timko of Andover, a sophomore majoring in public communications in Syracuse University's

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Peggy Cain, a school counselor at Andover High School, was recently elected a member of the board of trustees of the College Board at the association's annual meeting of members.

Cain, who has been involved in College Board activities for much of the past two decades, was nominated by the association's New England Regional Assembly and will serve a four-year term through November 2008.

As a member of the College Board's 31 trustees, Cain will attend four meetings a year and will help direct the operations and activities of the association. She will provide communication to the New England region and will represent concerns of public school counselors and students to the College Board.

Cain's career began as a counselor at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill. In 1979, she moved into secondary school education as a middle school career-education specialist and counselor in the Andover Public Schools. In that capacity, she wrote and administered grants for career and college planning for middle schools and Andover High.

For the past 22 years, Cain has worked as a school counselor at AHS, where her responsibilities include academic planning, college and career counseling, and personal counseling for 240 students. Her additional commitments have included advising community service, teaching peer counseling, participating in the Small Schools Initiative, and administering grants for a variety of programs.

Currently she is co-coordinating the Choice Not Chance program for parents of college-bound students and the peer mediation program.

Cain served as an SAT test supervisor for many years and has been the Advanced Placement coordinator at Andover High for the past 15 years. Throughout her career,

Cain has taught professional development courses such as "Infusing Career Awareness into Curriculum," "Integrating Community Service into Curriculum," "Communication Strategies for Student/Teacher Leadership," "The College Admissions Process," and "The New SAT and More."

In 1990, Cain served as delegate to the College Board's National Council for Guidance and Admission and assumed other responsibilities in the board's New England region. She served the New England Assembly as a member of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee, a member of the Program Planning Committee, and a member of the New England Regional Assembly Council. Cain initiated the Welcoming Committee in the New England region and chaired that committee for several years. In 1998, she was elected chair of the College Board's New England Regional Assembly Council. Cain presented a session at the New England regional meeting in February on College Counseling for New Counselors.

A graduate of Boston University, Cain received her master's degree in counseling from Northeastern University. Last year, Cain was honored with the A Better Chance Program (ABC) Award in recognition of her support for and counseling of minority students in the Andover ABC Program.

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BATES COLLEGE

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awareness of the league.

Alison J. Pennelli, Kathryn E. Sand, Natalia W. Tsai and Benjamin J. Wish, all of Andover, were named to the dean's list at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine as a result of their scholastic standings during the first semester of the 2004-05 academic year.

Pennelli, a senior, is a political science major with a secondary concentration in education. She has worked for four years in the Lewiston school system. The daughter of Paul and Patty Pennelli, 3 Twin Brooks Circle, she is a 2001 graduate of Brooks School.

Sand, a senior, is an economics major who spent the winter of 2004 studying in the United Kingdom. The daughter of David and Jean Sand, 17 Abbot St., she is a 2001 graduate of Phillips Academy.

Tsai, a junior, is a history major. The daughter of Robert Tsai and Sue Huang, she is a

2002 graduate of Andover High School.

Wish, a senior, is an environmental studies major who spent the fall of 2003 studying in Russia. The son of William and Elizabeth Wish, 6 Penbrook Circle, he is a 2001 graduate of Lawrence Academy.

To qualify for the dean's list at Bates, a student must maintain a better than B+ average for the semester, for a minimum quality-point ratio of 3.6

Two staff members of the *Fiat Lux*, Alfred University's student-run newspaper in Alfred, N.Y., returned from the College Media Advisors' annual spring National College Media Convention with Gold Circle Awards.

Alexander Raskin, a resident of Andover, a senior communications studies major, brought home a Certificate of Merit award for his article, "Two Sox Fans."

"It was about my grandparents bickering about the Red Sox for the entirety of their

marriage," said Raskin. "The overall theme was how the Red Sox bring people together," he explained. Writing the piece made him realize how his memories of his grandfather are inextricably linked with baseball.

"I haven't won anything since my fifth-grade geography bee, so, like the Red Sox, I just ended a very dry spell," said Raskin, a graduate of Andover High School.

His parents are Fred and Lorraine Raskin of Andover Country Club Lane.

"What makes these awards especially valuable is that *Fiat Lux* is competing directly against all campus newspapers, including those produced by large journalism programs," said Robyn Goodman, associate professor of communication studies and adviser to the AU newspaper.

The Gold Circle Awards are for excellence in various categories of writing.

At Boston College, **Kaitlin**

Elizabeth O'Malley of 301 South Main St. has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a recent campus ceremony.

O'Malley finished her junior year abroad studying at the University of Ireland at Galway during the fall semester.

She is the daughter of Mark and Jean O'Malley.

Golden Key International Honour Society, founded more than 25 years ago in Atlanta, Ga., provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class. The mission of the global, non-profit society is to build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service. The society's values are integrity, inclusiveness and collaboration, innovation, teamwork and respect.

Golden Key has 335 chapters in the US and abroad. Membership in the society is by invitation only, to students in all fields of study.

Parag Goyal of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Goyal, who is majoring in psychology, is expected to graduate in May.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Madhu Sudan Goyal, he attended Phillips Academy.

Thomas Holber, the son of Stuart and Meryl Holber, and **Abraham Lipton**, the son of Linda Lipton of Andover, were named to the dean's list at Brandeis University in Waltham, for academic achievement during the fall semester.

Dean's list honors are awarded to students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

The following students from Andover were named to the dean's list at Suffolk University

in Boston for the fall semester.

College of Arts and Sciences high honor list: **Heather Martin** and **Sarah Sintros**

College of Arts and Sciences honor list: **Alison Bernazzani**, **Jeffrey Harnois** and **Flora Katsikis**.

Sawyer School of Management honor list: **Shahriar Ghandchi** and **Jonathan Maloney**.

Andover students were named to the dean's list at Middlesex Community College, including **Andrea Wegner**, **Vilma Biheu**, **Alex Cronin**, **Nicole D. Sambursky**, **Bethany J. McCain** and **Gregg A. Rybicki**.

All students carrying 12 credit hours or more who earn a 3.2 grade-point average or higher in any semester, without D, F, I or IP grades, are acknowledged by inclusion on the dean's list, which is posted each semester.

Suzanne Callanen, daughter of Frederick and Eileen Callanen, and **Adriana Montalbano**, daughter of Paul and Nancy Montalbano, all of Andover, spent the fall semester studying abroad.

Callanen studied in Florence, Italy through a program run by Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont. Callanen was a student at Richmond in Florence. A junior, she is an elementary education and psychology double major at Saint Michael's. She graduated from Andover High School.

Montalbano studied in Perugia, Italy through a program run by Saint Michael's. Montalbano was a student in Umbra Institute.

Also a junior, she is a biology major. Montalbano graduated from St. Mark's School.

Alia Mohammed, daughter of Linda Odum of Lowell, has served this academic year as a writing center coach at Saint Michael's College. Mohammed graduated from Andover High School before entering Saint Michael's.

A senior elementary education and sociology double

major, Mohammed was selected from nominees submitted by the college faculty and 32 student coaches at the college.

Writing center coaches work with their peers at the college who seek guidance regarding writing assignments for their courses. The coaches follow the premise, "Teach the writer, not the writing," and thereby try not to just correct a given paper but to work with writers so that they will have skills to improve their writing on their own in future assignments. The coaches are given special instructions for working with students with learning differences and with non-native speakers of English. International students compose a substantial portion of the visitors to the writing center.

Writing center coaches are selected because of their language skills, patience, flexibility, good humor, and a good knowledge of written English. They are trained in an upper level course on Teaching Writing, and they share coverage working in the center.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the dean's list for fall semester 2004.

Students who achieve a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

Students who have received this honor in the School of Education include **Andrea Lisa Tutman** of 3 Knollcrest Drive.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in the semester.

Schools or colleges typically require students to rank in the top 10 percent of their class or achieve a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher in order to receive this honor.

Eight Andover residents were recently named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include: **Christine M. George**, **Katharine R. Gustin**, **Rane A. Harrison**, **Grace S. Ha**, **Jamie A. Kapelson**, **Monica E. Ortiz**, **Philip J. Shaw** and **Gillian C. Wang**.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 25-29:

Elementary schools

Monday: Corn dog with puffs, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, trix day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Mozzarella sticks with fries, pizza ring, baked chicken nuggets, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken McSchool with puffs, bakery pizza, nachos with taco meat and cheese, pita pocket with diced chicken, Lucky Tray Day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajita with rice, french toast sticks with potato pancakes, hot dog with fries, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast pork dinner with applesauce, slice of pizza, baked chicken nuggets, chicken caesar salad, fudge bar, fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Fish-and-chips, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with chips, lucky tray, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fried chicken with potato and corn, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fajita wrap, rotini and

meatballs, chicken caesar salad, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, bakery pizza, cheeseburger with chips, apple cobbler, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Barbecue rib dippers over rice, stuffed crust pizza, pita pocket, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Chicken McSchool, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, rotini and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Barbecue rib sub, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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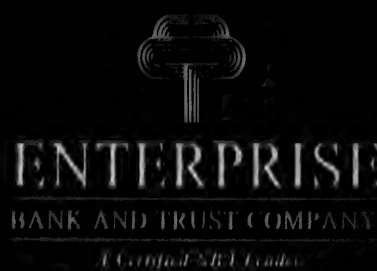
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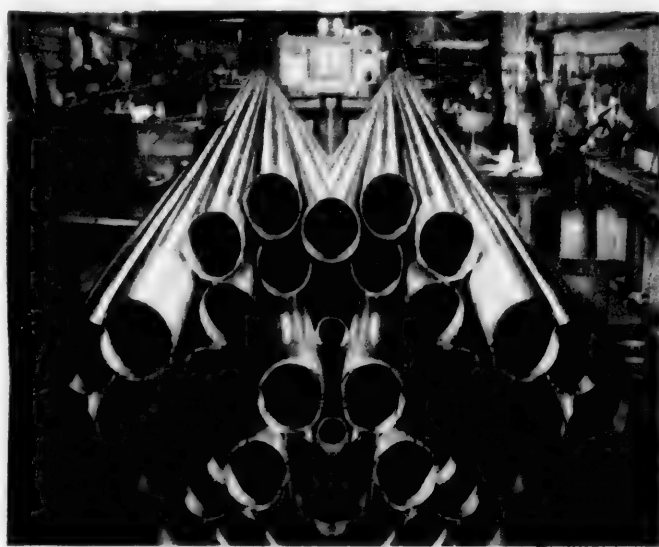
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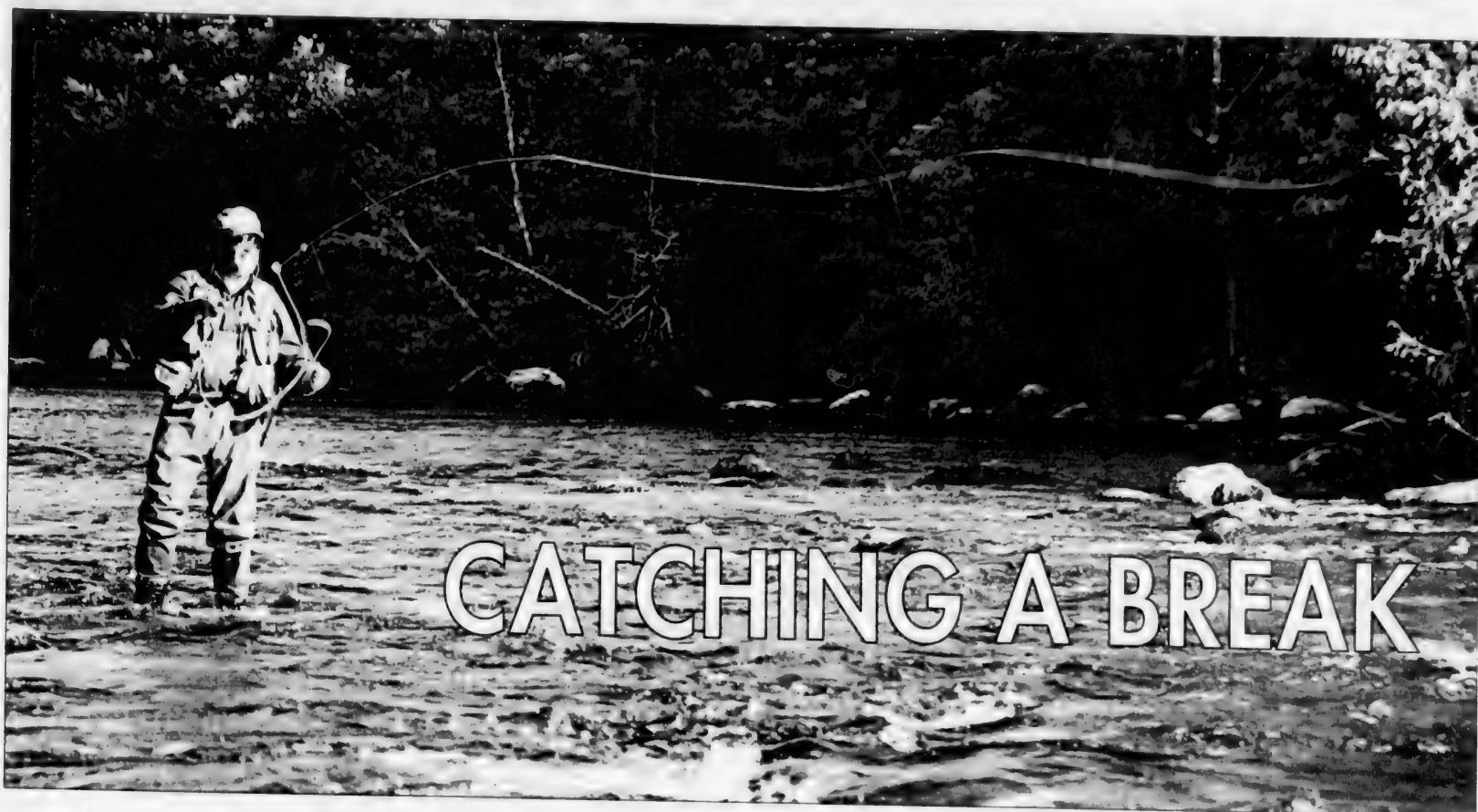


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CATCHING A BREAK

Author and fly-fisherman Cliff Hauptman of Andover, who has written hundreds of articles for national outdoor magazines, at one of his favorite spots, Grand Lake Stream in Washington County, Maine. Hauptman says residents can fly-fish in both the Shawsheen River and Pumps Pond in Andover.

For author, fly-fishing's hook is its ability to relax people

By Judy Wakefield

Local fly-fisherman Cliff Hauptman often hears the same comment when he's standing in the Shawsheen River with a relaxed smile on his face, casting away.

"Everyone says, 'That's something I have always wanted to do.' And, I tell them they should get on the water and just do it," says Hauptman, an Andover resident.

He has been hip-deep in his hobby for some 25 years as he finds it "soothing ... and a way to melt cares away."

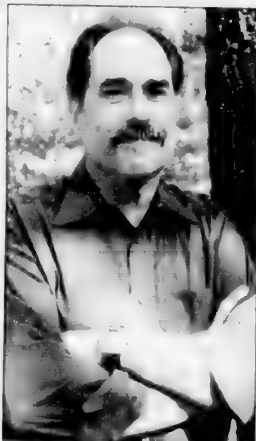
"There's a certain amount of beauty in just doing it, regardless if you catch fish," Hauptman said of his sport's appeal. "You concentrate all your attention on something that is ultimately unimportant and that allows moments of freedom."

That sure sounds relaxing in this fast-paced world, and Hauptman hopes more people catch on to fly-fishing if they are looking for ways to relax. His new book is ideal for fly-fishing novices as it focuses on the basics needed to get started. Simply enough, it's entitled *How to Fly-Fish* (paperback, \$12.95, Stackpole Books).

Andover residents do not have to drive far to try the sport, as Hauptman said the state's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries stocks the local Shawsheen River with trout every April. Fly-fishing from the shores of

Pumps Pond off Abbot Street is another way to try the sport in town. Hauptman has caught bass and blue gills there, and says Plum Island is a favorite spot for striped bass.

He's also fished for char in the Northwest Territory in Canada, for salmon in various spots, for the big bass found in Mexico and is just back from fishing while vacationing in Aruba with his wife, Susan Hauptman. She has been the reading specialist at Pike School in Andover for the past 24 years and her affinity for fishing is, well, non-existent.



Andover resident Cliff Hauptman, whose book *How to Fly-Fish* can help newcomers learn the sport.

Even though a fishing lesson a few years back at a Colorado ranch had her reeling in a "monster brook trout," according to her husband, he said she continues to be unimpressed with the sport.

"She calls it the f-word in our house," chuckled Cliff Hauptman, who has lived in town since 1996.

Oh well, it's "fish-on" for him despite his wife's lack of enthusiasm as he said he "will fish for anything," he says.

"It's fun and it means there is always something to do wherever you go," says Hauptman, who is the creative services director at Brandeis University, which the couple's daughter, Molly, attends.

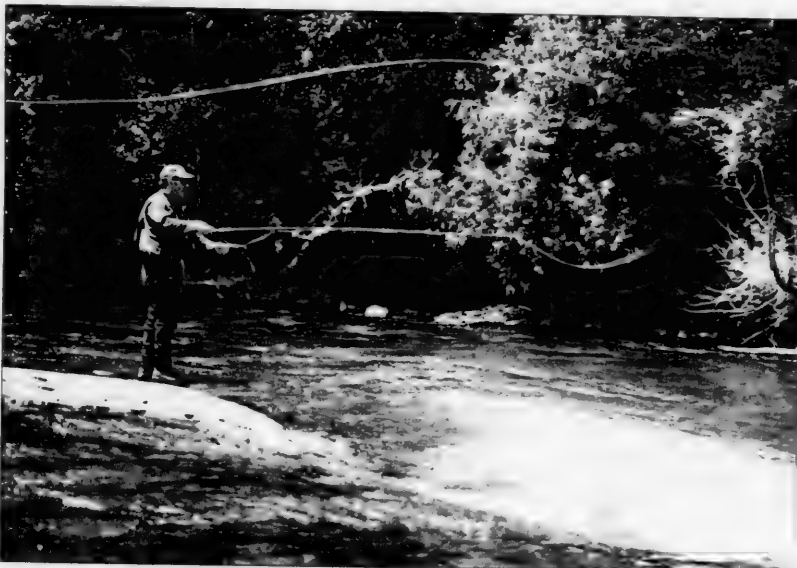
His newest book joins a long list of his publications on fishing and nature. He has written hun-

dreds of fishing articles for many national outdoor publications, including *Field and Stream*. In addition, he is a contributing editor of *Sporting Classics* magazine.

His books include *Basic Freshwater Fishing*, which was published in 1988, and the novel *The Dognose Chronicles*. The latter book is about two Maine fishing guides. A favorite fishing spot for

Hauptman is Grand Lake Stream in Washington County, Maine. It's a three-mile stream for fly-fishing only.

"Rhythmical and contemplative," are the words he uses when talking about a nice cast that is done correctly. His purpose for writing this book is to hook novices so they can learn to cast properly and enjoy those same feelings.



The photo above, showing the hypnotic curve of the author's cast line, is used on the cover of Hauptman's book *How to Fly-Fish*, which contains the subtitle "The basics you need to get started and the rest for when you're ready to take on more."

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 21

Anything Goes, Cole Porter's musical hit from the 1930s featuring favorites such as *Delovely*, *You're the Top*, *Let's Misbehave* and the title song. *Anything Goes*, performed by the Pentucket Players, 8 p.m., \$20, \$15 students and seniors, discount of \$5 per adult ticket for groups of 20 or more, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-470-3445.

Hansel and Gretel, performed by the Concord Youth Theatre and recommended for children 4 or older, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., \$8.50, Concord Youth Theatre, 40 Stow St., Concord (across from Concord Library in Concord Center); Corinne 978-371-1482 or www.concordyouththeatre.org.

Open auditions, for adult roles ages early 20s and up to perform the comedy *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.*, June 2-19 with The Valley Players, 7-10 p.m., The Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Book sale, sponsored by the Employee Activities Committee of Merrimack Valley Hospital, offering hundreds of new books, games, music and gift items reasonably priced from Books Are Fun, proceeds benefit employee recognition and other employee activities at the hospital, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., outside the hospital gift shop, Haverhill; 978-521-8651.

Friday, April 22

Ralph Nader at Phillips Academy, consumer advocate and Green Party presidential candidate, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel, 2 Chapel Ave., free and open to the public, made possible by the John M. Kemper Memorial Fund; 978-749-4185.

Once on This Island, a Broadway musical called an "energetic and heartfelt parable about love and forgiveness," performed by the Colonial Chorus Players, including Andover residents

Michael Consoli, April Foley, Ben Pasucci, Mary Anne Ronan and Wendy Smith, and with the backstage assistance of several additional Andoverites, 8 p.m., \$15, \$12 students and seniors, and the players request audience members to bring a donation for the Reading Food Pantry, Reading Memorial High School Auditorium; 781-944-9780.

Las Vegas night, fundraiser for Troop 60, 7-10:30 p.m., St. Lucy's Church Hall, 254 Merrimack St., Methuen; Matt Augeri 603-818-9210.



Northern Essex Community College student dancers, including Marina Hoff of Andover (back right), will perform "Secrets from the Heart" during the next two weekends (see entry under Saturday, April 23).

mac St., Methuen; Matt Augeri 603-818-9210.

Dance and raffle, "Give Brooke a Lift" by purchasing a \$50 raffle ticket for a \$10,000 grand prize to be drawn at a dance fundraiser, proceeds will purchase a van to transport first-grader Brooke, who has cerebral palsy; drawing 8 p.m., ticketholder does not have to be present to win, Groveland Fairways, 156 Main St., Groveland; Laurie 508-843-8667.

Book sale at Merrimack Valley Hospital, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., see April 21 entry.

Anything Goes, 8 p.m., see April 21 entry.

Saturday, April 23

Family night at the movies, monthly event sponsored by the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation in Andover, featuring *Shrek 2* and a kid-friendly potluck supper, free, dinner at 5 p.m., movie at 6 p.m. with popcorn, chairs and cushions available, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Children's author Jeff Nathan, the award-winning author of *There's a Hippo in My Locker* and *Calling All Animals* will present humorous poetry, music and parent-kid contests and word games, followed by a book-signing, 10-11:30 a.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; limited seating, call to sign up 978-688-9505.

Stillpoint dances, Stillpoint XXXI, the annual dance show of Northern Essex Community College, will perform dance styles ranging from ballet to jazz to modern, set to classical, jazz and Broadway show tunes, Andover resident Marina Hoff is among the performers, 8 p.m., \$8, \$5 seniors and students, available at the door, Northern Essex Sport and Fitness Center, Haverhill campus; Pamela Wise 978-556-3227.

Tony DeBlois in concert, a musically and personally inspiring performance by a gifted musician who has overcome substantial obstacles, 7:30

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Dodgeball!

Teachers, students to compete

By John Chartier
What's Up contributor

Behind the scenes at Andover High School is a group that few know even exists. It is a group that implements change throughout the high school community. Last year, its members organized an Art Night, planned for a community service extravaganza, and even undertook a massive revamping of the cafeteria program. This year, they plan to hold several events to continue increasing the sense of community in Andover High School. The group is the Student Leadership Council.

The Student Leadership Council is the level of student government that represents all four classes. It serves as a bridge between the students and the faculty, and exists to create an increased level of communication.

On April 29 at 5:30 p.m., the Student Leadership Council will undertake its largest project to date, a school-wide dodgeball tournament. This tournament will involve not only the students, but the faculty as well. The SLC hopes it will serve to foster a sense of community

in a sometimes stressful environment.

The tournament - meant to be the first annual competition - should prove to be an exciting, and at times surprising, event.

The public is invited. Attending this fun-filled evening is absolutely free, and the tournament will be held in the Field House at Andover High School. All proceeds from refreshments sold will go towards bettering the community of Andover High School. Each member of the winning team will receive a copy of the movie *Dodgeball*, as well as some other surprise gifts.

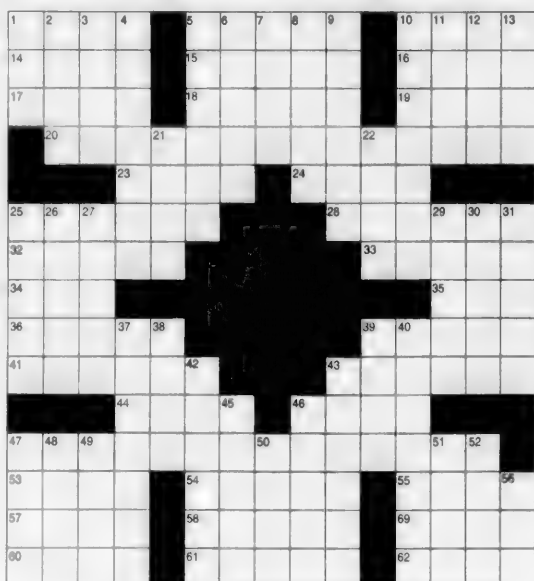
Some of the funds raised through sign-ups will go toward paying for more activities or services that can benefit Andover High School, and some will go toward the Hector Paniagua fund. The Student Leadership Council hopes to see many residents at the First Annual Dodgeball Tournament on April 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the Field House at Andover High School.

John Chartier is a student at Andover High School.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Phoenix's BB team
5. Popular condiment
10. Very dry wine
14. Sulk
15. Time
16. Relieve
17. Weed in a wheat field
18. Former Russian ruler
19. Declare positively
20. Suspended progress
23. Albacore, for one
24. British School
25. Truant
28. Perplexity
32. Lewis' partner
33. Snow slider
34. Dog
35. Fortify
36. Act in opposition to
39. Burn
41. No longer at sea
43. Gasp for air
44. Skating area
46. Gilded
47. Ninth inning closer
53. Capital of Italy
54. Place that treats addiction
55. Globes
57. Always
58. Equivalent
59. Revel



60. Casino game
61. Clever plans
62. Prow

CLUES DOWN

1. Supersonic transport

2. Provo's State
3. Roman emperor
4. A way to be uncomfortable
5. Treatment for a broken bone
6. Athletic field
7. Desire

8. Marsh bird
9. Male relation on father's side
10. A member of the '50s Generation
11. Jabber
12. Consumer
13. Small slender gull
21. Dip
22. Weight measurement
25. Capital of Ghana
26. Music "color"
27. Biblical woman
29. Enormous
30. Unite
31. Fortified
37. Top jockey Angle
38. Triad
39. Saith
40. Inside
42. Envelop
43. Trainees
45. Bell stroke
46. Snaked
47. Journey
48. Made cloth
49. Sign
50. US river
51. Clench your teeth
52. Band instrument
56. Short-term memory

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p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, Tewksbury United Methodist Church, corner South and Main streets, Tewksbury; call church office for tickets 978-658-9551.

Anything Goes, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., see April 21 entry.

Once on This Island, 8 p.m., see April 22 entry.

Sunday, April 24

High tea with Gilbert and Sullivan, The Lowell Opera Company will perform favorite Gilbert and Sullivan tunes in a Victorian high tea setting, featuring finger sandwiches, scones and dainties, audience should be prepared to sing along, 2 p.m., \$15, \$10 seniors and students, Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway, Lowell; 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Monday, April 25

Phillips Academy college fair, open to area students and their parents, who can meet representatives of over 140 colleges and universities from around the country, as well as from international schools and the U.S. military academies, 5-7 p.m., Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road on the PA campus; a complete list of attending schools available for review online at

www.andover.edu/news/college_fair_spring05.htm or contact the College Counseling Office 978-749-4150.

"Look Good, Feel Better," seminar sponsored by the Greater Lawrence unit of the American Cancer Society, teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, participants receive a free makeup kit, noon-2 p.m., free but registration is required, Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen; Gail Palermo 978-687-0156, ext. 2021.

Free medical screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, AAA, is a life-threatening enlargement of the major artery leading from the heart to the lower abdomen, which can often be detected by an ultrasound; those over 60, smokers, or those with a family history of AAA, cardiovascular disease or pulmonary disease may be at risk, free of charge, by appointment, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saints Memorial Hospital, One Hospital Drive, Lowell; 800-772-8390.

Tuesday, April 26

Telescope clinic, sponsored by the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club (NSAAC), who will be on hand to help newcomers as well as experienced observers who have questions about the setup, operation or maintenance of their telescopes, 6:30 p.m., free and open to the public, Sakowich Center at Merrimack College 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5335 or debra.simone@merrimack.edu.

Addison Gallery Talk, Alexis Rockman discusses his epic painting, "Manifest Destiny," a provocative 8-by-24-foot acrylic mural on board, depicting Brooklyn, N.Y., in an apocalyptic future brought about by global warming, free, 8 p.m. in the Kemper Auditorium at Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Sisters in Crime author event, sponsored by the Friends of the Flint Memorial Library, Hallie Ephron, Vicki Stiefel, and Nancy Mean Wright, three New England mystery writers who all have books out this spring, will discuss the topic, "Good Guys and Bad Guy — Creating Characters," 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

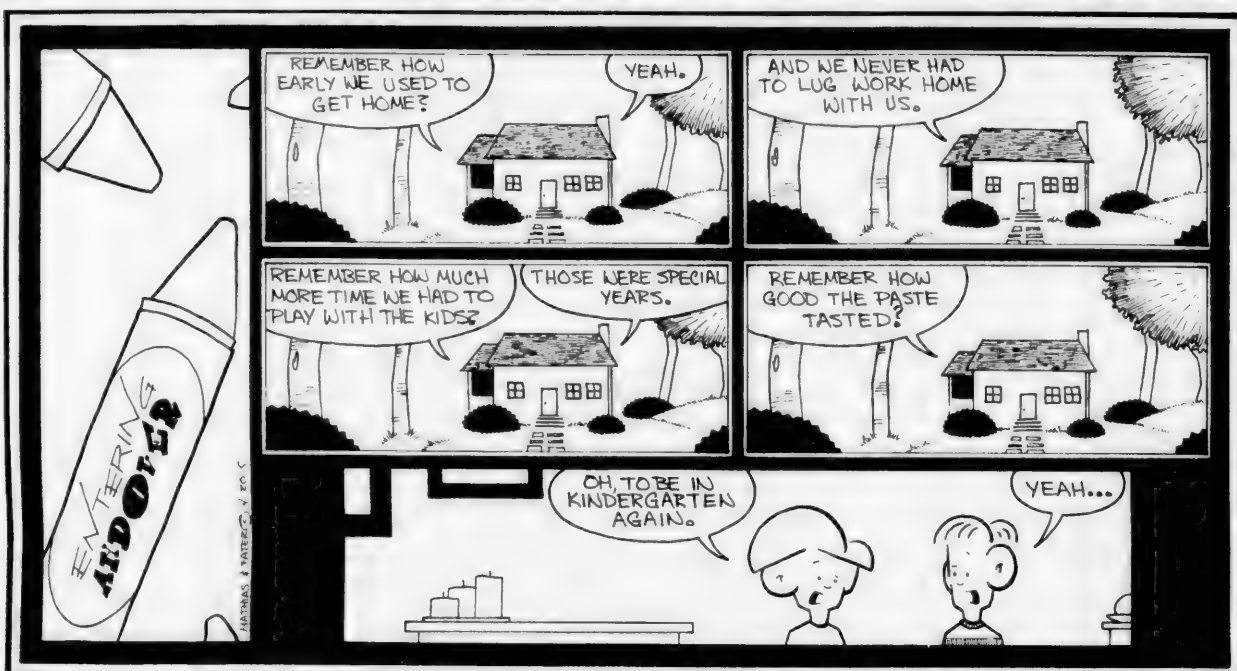
Wednesday, April 27

Singin' in the Rain, the 2004-2005 Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack

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College in North Andover continues with the 1952 film musical, starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds, featuring memorable musical numbers, particularly Kelly's famous rain dance; 7 p.m., free, commentary by Amy Klayman prior to film at 6:30 p.m., along with refreshments; 978-837-5355.

College admissions information night, Northern Essex Community College, 6-8 p.m. at the library on the Haverhill campus; 978-556-3600.

Thursday, April 28

Author reading and book signing,

author and storyteller Kevin O'Hara will read from the memoir of his 1,800-mile walking tour around the Irish coast, *Last of the Donkey Pilgrims*, 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Mothers of twins, hypnotist show and silent auction fundraiser, 7 p.m. at the North Andover Knights of Columbus Hall, 505 Sutton St., North Andover.

Friday, April 29

Founder's 40th anniversary celebration, The Adelante Youth Cen-

ter at 245 Hampshire St., Lawrence, founded in 1992 by Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Fr. Lally's ordination with a dinner-dance, 6-11 p.m., \$60, Wyndham Andover, 123 Old River Road; Lauren 978-687-9423, ext. 15.

The Art of Hope, art auction to benefit St. Ann's Home for Children, both silent and live auction events featuring oils, watercolors, photos, prints, jewelry, pottery, glass, and wearable art created by the children of St. Ann's Home and other area school children, 7-11 p.m., Andover Town House, 20 Main St.; Arlene Santangelo 978-482-4115.



Kevin O'Hara

Flea market, St. Matthews Lodge, 4-8 p.m., 7 High St.; Dick Eldred 978-475-1391.

Six students in concerto concert, the Phillips Academy music department will present six senior students performing in six individual concerti, accompanied by the Academy Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of William Thomas, including senior Katherine Dix of Andover, who will perform Bruch's *Violin Concerto in G minor*, 7-30 p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel, on the PA campus, 180 Main St., 978-749-4995.

Voices Against Violence, a concert featuring teachers from St. John's Preparatory School, who will perform an eclectic blend of jazz, blues, rock, pop and folk favorites to raise money for Help for Abused

Women and Children (HAWC), 7 p.m., tickets at the door at \$10, \$5 students, Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall on the St. John's campus, 72 Spring St., Danvers; Beth Forbes 978-774-6227, ext. 428.

Memory of Water, directed by Fred Robbins, 8 p.m., \$15, Concord Players, 51 Walden St., Concord; 978-369-2990 or www.concordplayers.org.

Stillpoint dances, 8 p.m. - see April 24 entry.

Saturday, April 30

Mega yard sale, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; donations welcome; drop-off times: Thursday 4/28, noon-6 p.m. and Friday 4/29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., for help transporting large items, call 978-475-5921.

Music competition winner presents master class, Marek Szpakiewicz, current winner of the Mu Hui Epistolar International Competition, will give a master class for cello students, free and open to the public, Merrimack College library auditorium, 415 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-685-5505 or www.merrimack.edu/mc.

Count Basic Orchestra, first-rate iconic jazz band, 8 p.m., \$40 preferred seating, \$24 advance tickets, \$28 at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 415 Turnpike St., North Andover; box office 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 978-857-5355 or www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

SKITS-O-Phrenia, a family fun variety show featuring local talent and the comedy talents of Greg Johnson from Cheshire; 8 p.m. - see April 24 entry.

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City, 7:30 p.m., \$5 donation at door, proceeds benefit the Hector Panigagua Fund. The Stage, 60 Island St., Lawrence; 978-794-0001.

Embroiderers' project, for pre-registered members only, silk ribbon project: 7-inch decorated cones, once used as Christmas decorations but now hung on the guestroom doorknob and filled with toothbrushes, soaps, chocolate, anything you can imagine. Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, all-day workshop 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Pat Timpanaro 781-665-4118, or visit Web site

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Flea market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., see April 29 entry.

Once on This Island, 8 p.m., see April 22 entry.

Memory of Water, 8 p.m., see April 29 entry.

Stillpoint dances, 8 p.m., see April 23 entry.

Sunday, May 1

Fidelio Society spring concert, a select a cappella choir of 16 voices, the oldest musical organization on Andover Hill, presents a program including works by Monteverdi, Ravel, Guastavino, Elgar, Rachmaninoff and Whitacre, under the direction of Christopher Walter, 4

p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel, on the PA campus, 180 Main St., 978-749-4995.

Peter and the Wolf, performed by the Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra and the beautifully crafted life-size *buraku* style puppets of the internationally acclaimed puppet theater, Das Puppenspiel, narrated by North Andover High School senior Tom Garon, 3 p.m., free and open to the public, North Andover High School auditorium; Sally Udnoske 978-258-1182.

International Winners Concert, Marek Szpakiewicz and Jorge Avila, current and former winners (respectively) of the Mu Phi Epsilon International Competition, will perform the *Double Concerto for Violin, Cello and Orchestra* by Johannes Brahms, with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., \$15, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, 978-685-3505 or www.mvpmusic.org.

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Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art,

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DPW: Plant's filters have reached end

Counting on state aid

WATER TREATMENT

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plant's six filters are in working order right now. Two are offline due to severe cracking in the bottom plates, Petkus says. Leaks in the fractured plates of a filter call for instant shutdown of units to prevent carbon from getting into the water.

The Massachusetts Safe Water Drinking Act requires all organic carbon to be removed from the water before chlorine is added, to prevent a reaction that could create carcinogens.

"It's like two trucks colliding," says Petkus. "You need to chlorinate the water to get rid of the bad stuff, but you don't want to put so much of the chlorine in that it would make new bad stuff."

The only way for the water-treatment facility to remove the carbon with a limited number of filters, says Petkus, is for the water to flow through its filters at a slower pace.

Petkus says workers at the plant currently have to monitor the filters around the clock to ensure the water is treated according to state standards, and in case a filter "blowout" occurs.

Frequent failures, including one last week, have kept individual filters offline for up to seven days, Petkus says. Each time a blowout occurs, workers have to climb into the pipe and remove anything littering the inside. The 30-year-old pipes then need

to be flushed out, Petkus added, which uses up hundreds of gallons of the town's drinking water.

"These filters have definitely reached the limit of their life," Petkus says. "Think of it as an upside down roof. The roof is leaking and the water is just coming in."

The Water Department is also stressing concern over an anticipated seasonal jump in residents' water intake soon.

Petkus says that this time of year, as people start turning on sprinkler systems, the water-treatment plant sees a steep hike in daily water use from about 5 million gallons to 15 million gallons.

"The rapid increase seems to happen almost overnight," Petkus says. "If failures occur during the high-demand season, we'll have no other choice but to declare a water emergency and limit residents' supply."

A ban on water use would reserve enough water for drinking, toilet flushing and fire protection, Petkus says.

"If you look at Haggetts Pond, it appears to be full," Petkus added. "But all of that water doesn't do anybody any good if we don't have the prop-

er equipment to get it to them."

Recent work

Petkus reported that a project approved by Town Meeting voters two years earlier to improve the facility will be completed this



Town Meeting will decide whether to spend \$6.5 million on new filters for the Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant.

month, ahead of schedule and about \$1 million under budget.

In 2003, residents approved a \$4.5 million article to replace the water-treatment plant's ozone purification system. Scheduled to be online by July,

the new system will be operational by the end of this month, Petkus says. The Public Works director added that the total project cost is estimated at about \$3

million dollars, due to cost-effective changes on the original design plan. The facility now houses two larger ozone generators instead of three smaller units that were part of the initial proposal.

Petkus says the new purification system will reduce the risk of water-borne diseases, and improve overall cleanliness and taste.

Other articles seeking water improvements

Water Distribution

36. Transfer \$250,000 from water reserves and appropriate it for replacing and cleaning old water mains. According to the town, there are currently 41 miles of mains in need of replacement.

Fish Brook Pump Station

41. Spend \$300,000 to plan and design a new extension pump building and wet well for the Fish Brook pumping station. The town said it would eliminate the current inability

to pump high volumes of water needed during the summer months.

Mass Salt Balance Study

55. Spend \$20,000 to hire an environmental consultant to perform a mass salt analysis in the Fish Brook and Haggetts Pond watershed areas on the recommendations of the town's public health department. Health Director Everett Penney advises that an official report on the high-level salt area is needed to protect the public health and safety of residents.

BUDGET

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reserve to fall back on."

School Committee Chairman Tony James said all parties concluded that the best revenue potential appeared to be the state aid. "I think the reality is, if state aid doesn't come through with an extra \$100,000, that we will find other revenue sources to pull the money from," James said.

Marden said as each piece of the state's budget comes in, the

town gets a clearer picture of what the end result will look like.

In the worse case scenario, said Marden, if the numbers do not add up, a Special Town Meeting will be called.

"We wouldn't be proposing the plan if we expected that to happen," Marden said. "But there is always a risk involved. We never know in the spring precisely where we will be in the fall, but we try to leave flexibility."

PA Scholarship

BURNS

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years, and writer Jack Burns, who was the runner-up for a Pulitzer prize in 1948 for his World War II novel, *The Galley*.

When it was time for Joseph Burns to settle, he wanted to remain close to Phillips Academy and had his house built on South Main Street. Now, more than 30 years after his death, his memory continues to help Andover teens looking for a better life.

"He loved Andover so much," recalls Tom Burns, adding that his father never missed a reunion. "On Sunday afternoons we used to walk together around Andover Hill and listen to the

carillon ringing in Memorial Tower. The look on his face, when the bells would ring, was always one of pure pride."

Even though Tom Burns has experienced a life full of success, he admits to often reflecting on how different life could have been, especially when thank-you letters arrive from grateful scholarship recipients.

"From what Father came from, to live in such a beautiful house and find such great joy in life never ceases to inspire me, even now," Burns says. "It gives me great pleasure to think other students may also get a chance to live out their own dreams because of my father's life and Phillips Academy."

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HEART

Andover Townsman

April 21, 2005

For a house with heart - put your heart into it

By Judith Bright

When a house changes hands, the new owners tend to have one of two mindsets. Many people look for a home that is in what realtors like to call "move-in condition."

Other house seekers look past the surface appearance of a property and see its potential - its potential to look different, and to function differently.

In Andover that might take the form of updating a property and adapting the spaces to accommodate the demands of a 21st century lifestyle. Or it might mean restoring a property to its former glory. In the case of the home of Doug Bell and Mary Patrick Bogan at 139 Andover St. in Ballardvale, it meant both.

Start with some vision

"It was peculiar, and I remember it clearly," said Bogan, about the couple's first view of the house. "We could not go inside until we made an appointment with the realtor, but [the caretaker] said we could walk around outside as much as

we wanted. At one point we just stood looking at the house, and we knew. We could both just see ourselves here."

Vision is something Bell and Bogan had plenty of, particularly since they had done this kind of thing before. "My husband had rehabbed a place in Mansfield, and I had done one in Jamaica Plain. We also worked together on a third place, so we knew what we were looking at."

What the Ballardvale house had to offer was potential, along with plenty that was all right just as it was. Said Bogan, "the house hadn't been 'mucked up' [with a lot of modernizations]. The back [of the house] had some additions that weren't original, but it was very much intact." Although the front portion had many layers of paint and wallpaper that needed to be removed, she said, "The prior owners hadn't cut away, hadn't added anything significant."

One reason for the relative restraint, explained Bogan, is that the house has only changed hands a few times in its history.

Built sometime after a map

published in 1852 (on which it does not appear), the "Late Greek picturesque" farmhouse, as it is described in documents in the Andover Historical Society archives, appears to have been built and occupied until the early 1920s by various members of the Scott family. Many of the Ballardvale Scotts are listed in street directories of the time as skilled workers in the nearby woolen mills.

The house was purchased by James Moss sometime in the 1920s. Moss's daughter Edith married, taking the name Lumenello, and in 1947 became the owner of the home, where she lived until her death in 1998. Later that year Mary Bogan and Doug Bell bought the house.

The house is still known as "the Scott house," and bears a historic maker with the same designation.

Before and after

Bogan and Bell had remodeled homes before and, as a result, had not only developed a great respect for the craftsmanship more often found in an older house, but had also accumulated a collection of large and small objects that they wanted to fit into the home.

To accomplish their goals for

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The house marker obtained through the Andover Historical Society describes the house as it is still known around town: the Scott House.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Mary Bogan in her kitchen, where a few world globes from one of her collections are visible in the background.

the house, they contacted residential designer David Brown of Andover, who confirms that the couple had distinct and very creative ideas for the house. "In design, I try to be respectful of the existing house. They

bring a lot to the table," he said of Bogan and Bell.

"The footprint of the house is completely unchanged," said Brown. "The only external change was the addition of the

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rear porch, which included new roofing. And we switched the positions of the door and window opening onto the porch, from left to right."

The exterior porch reflects both the couple's love for period detail and their ability to work found and rescued items into their home projects.

The outside porch posts, said Bogan, came from an old Victorian house. Two porch posts frame the entryway to the kitchen. (See the cover photo of this special section, where a column is visible to the right.)

"A lot of this came from the house we [rebuilt] in Jamaica Plain," said Bogan. The old columns cost just \$30 apiece.

"The thing about older materials," she explained, "is that the proportion makes sense. When we added the porch outside, we got old porch posts, because they're more ample. One came from a place in Mattapan; [the others] came from a place in Manchester, N.H."

"But it mattered to us to make sure things were not skimpy. I don't like to come across modern [materials] in a Victorian-era house."

First things first

The first project Bogan and Bell undertook with Brown was the creation of an upstairs bathroom. "Reconstruction of the kitchen couldn't begin," said Brown, "until we put in the new bathroom, because we were taking out the only functional bathroom in the house, which was downstairs."

Like many homes of a certain age, according to Brown, the upstairs rooms were added in a "shotgun" or "railroad car" style, forcing a person to pass through one or more rooms to get to other rooms. The three rooms at the rear of Bogan's home were linked in just this way.

The sacrifice of one small room solved multiple problems of the house, according to Brown. "The ten-foot by ten-

foot room was divided into a hallway and a bathroom."

The new bathroom is accessible from all three remaining bedrooms, including the two-room master suite.

A creative touch Brown designed into the bathroom layout was the installation of interior windows that tilt open onto the well-lit corridor, bringing light and air circulation.

"It was also a place where we could bring the plumbing upstairs without trashing a lot of rooms," added Brown.

"We also did a pocket-door," said Bogan, "which saves space. And we took it from another part of the house."

"One of the things we did," said Brown, "was we went through and did an inventory of all the doors that were usable. That dictated the sizes of some of the design, but there wasn't anything really weird. For the most part, things were standard sizes, just older vintage."

Modern kitchen

In many houses the kitchen is a focal point, and the Bogan and Bell home is no exception. Its generous size was carved from what had been two kitchens.

"We love to entertain and the kitchen is where people tend to gather," said Bogan. "There is plenty of room for everyone and I am always gratified when people say they feel comfortable in our home."

People are comfortable in her kitchen with good reason. A



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Above, the restored exterior, showing the added rear porch with new "standing seam" roof.



A photograph of the Ballardvale house in the early 1920s.

large space with warm, cherry woodwork, the room features the personal stamp of the couple in every corner.

The largest freestanding object in the room, a glass-fronted wooden display case that serves as a storage cabinet (see cover photo), is filled with and topped by colorful and amusing crockery, books and enamelware.

The original artworks of Doug Bell are visible above and on the wall, as they are throughout the house. In front stands a rocker Bogan boasts of buying for just \$12 at a shop on Canal Street in Lawrence. "I wove the chair seat myself," she said and laughed. "It's the most uncomfortable chair in the house."

But the object that draws the

eye is the central island, made of an antique wood and glass display case filled with large glass jars of "penny candy," including Bogan's personal favorite, pink and white Good 'n' Plenty.

Items from the couple's various collections that are found throughout the house are hinted at by the world globes and

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Dream kitchen blends seamlessly in period house

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kitchen scales on the counter-tops, and the row of egg-separator spoons high on the wall over the kitchen entryway.

Even the lighting, which ranges from ultra-modern downspots recessed in the ceiling to restorations of period pendant globes over the central island help humanize and warm the large scale of the kitchen.

Special accommodations

Bell and Bogan own four cats and even found an unusual and creative solution to the problem of where to locate the catbox.

When the new kitchen was designed, a new bathroom was installed next to it, complete with a closet tucked under the rear staircase. In a portion of the closet, space was reserved for the catbox, with access from the closet for cleaning and replacing litter materials.

A porthole was also punched through the wall to give the cats access. The cats come and go

without the litter being strewn around the bathroom floor.

Bell finished off the porthole to look just like the interior of the other windows of the home, complete with stained and finished windowsill. "Doug trimmed it out like the other windows," said Bogan. "We have so many windows, he felt the cats should have a window of their own."

Saving spaces

One thing the house did not have, said Bogan, was a fireplace. The two chimneys visible above the roof would have serviced stoves in that period, she explained.

One of the chimneys was sacrificed in the remodeling said Brown. "We originally thought we'd work around the chimney, but we ended up removing it, and then we made the [bedroom] closet a little bigger.

"One chimney is needed for the furnace," he explained, "and the other one we maintained for

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Now: The new kitchen in the Ballardvale house merges antique artifacts with the new cabinetry to create a unique texture.



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Then: One of two kitchens that were combined and converted to create the new space in the Ballardvale home.

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the exterior look, but it no longer goes down to the basement."

One of the earlier investments Bell and Bogan made was the installation of a new heating system for circulating hot air. While the typical hot air system involves space-gobbling aluminum ductwork, the Unico system the couple chose uses flexible ducts with significantly smaller diameters, they said.

The result is plenty of warm air circulating from unobtrusive outlets as small as coffee cup lids. A furnace in the cellar and a heat exchanger in the attic are the operating units of the system.

One of a kind

Bogan and Bell are both artistic. Doug Bell, employed by Tufts University to set up and take down art exhibitions is responsible for many of the original artworks in the house. An early project was the conversion of the detached barn just behind the Ballardvale house to an art studio where he creates his works of art. Mary Bogan restores books for the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover.

The collections found throughout the house include pigs (Bell's favorite, noted by the pig-shaped sign suspended over the door to his studio), clothes irons, egg separators,

funnels, world globes, food scales, and most recently, baseballs, which they occasionally find on their lawn.

Every nook, cranny and niche

Bogan is currently working on the front staircase. The entryway floor and most of the stairs were covered with linoleum, which she has removed, along with many layers of paint on the banister and balusters (see Bogan's method for removing old linoleum on page 6A).

Upstairs, the top handrail surrounds the staircase and curves around a small landing above the front door that has a window overlooking Andover Street. According to Bogan, the handrail was not complete when the couple moved in. Instead, the landing area had been converted into a tiny "nursery" that was boxed off by a partition, the handrail lopped off.

"One day Doug was up in the attic and came across this short piece of walnut banister," she recalls. "Out came the Sawzall and down came the partition." Although the joint where the two banister pieces were rejoined is clearly visible, the graceful curvature has been restored.

Never-ending story

In addition to the front staircase work she is completing, Bogan pointed to a number of other house projects already underway.

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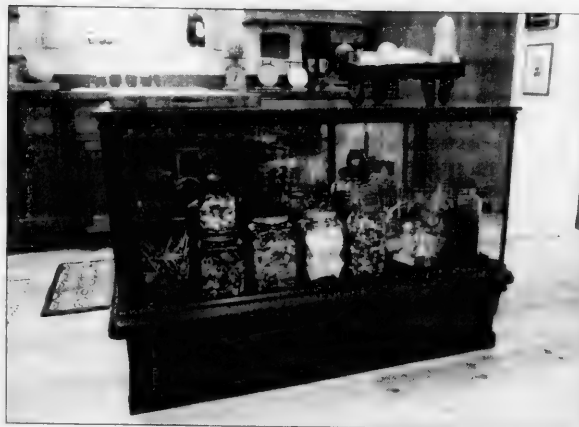


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Function meets form in home

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"Doug is in the middle of relaying the brick path," she said, "and we have a lot of landscaping to do." The ground was level with the house when the couple bought it, according to Bogan. "There were no steps down to get outside," she said. "You would just step out at ground level."

The earth around the founda-

tion was regraded to accommodate the addition of the rear porch and now the lawn must be re-established.

"By the end of this," said Bogan, "we will have touched every surface of the house." That holds true for the outside as well as the inside.

Function before form

"There was plenty of inside space," commented Bogan. "It just needed to be reworked."

According to Brown, that is just up his alley as a residential designer. "There are two elements I like to focus on, and the spatial layout is No. 1," he explained. "What I think about and bring to a design is an understanding of how the spaces will be used by the client; how they need to flow together for efficiency."

Brown said that the layout of the space is the aspect that is most visible to the client. "If anything, though, the other part of my task is even more impor-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Rear view shows the porch, two new windows and the repositioned back door.

tant, and that is a command of the technology needed.

"The most attractive plan is worthless if it cannot be built," he said. "And that involves thor-

How to remove old linoleum

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Historic district no constraint for some

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Some historic districts can complicate construction projects, but Bogan and Bell could accept the Ballardvale Historic District Commission requirements. "There were no real constraints on anything we wanted to do," she recalls. "No. 1, it [matched] our aesthetic anyway. The original features of the

house were there. If they hadn't been, I don't know that we would have tried to bring them back, but everything was still there. There wasn't anything we wanted to do that we could not do because of the district."

Bogan recalls that when she and her husband first saw the house, it had been on the market for a few months. "Our understanding was that the only peo-

ple who had shown interest in this house were developers, who wanted to tear it down and put up two houses, because the lot was big enough.

"And that's the plus of the historic district," said Bogan. "The protection the historic district offers is that it probably saved this house for people like us."

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Look before you leap: Home inspection considered necessity

(MS) - The ideal home might include a large bedroom for mom and dad, a bedroom for each child, a roomy living room, a well-appointed kitchen, a big backyard, a two-car garage and a neighborhood suitable for family life. Once a person has found all that in a house, there is nothing else to think about, right?

Actually, to keep a dream house from turning into a nightmare, people can consider hiring a home inspector to ensure all is what it seems to be. While no house is perfect, it's best to learn as much as possible about the condition of the property and all its equipment and systems before buying. No one wants to purchase a home and discover it

has water damage or is in need of roof, heating or electrical repairs. It's especially important to avoid more serious problems such as mold, termites or a cracked foundation. A home inspector can help do just that.

Where to begin? Find a qualified professional by word of mouth from friends and neighbors, online databases, the Yel-

low Pages directory or a realtor. Look for an inspector who is a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors (www.ashi.org), a private, voluntary organization that sets a meaningful set of standards and code of ethics in a business that generally has few rules and regulations. While most states do not require licensing, ASHI standards are higher than requirements of states that do. ASHI's online database might list a home inspector who knows the applicable local and state codes and regulations.

The buyer's real estate agent often recommends the inspector. So be aware of an inspector who has the real estate agent's interest foremost in mind when inspecting the home.

Avoid hiring an inspector who offers to repair the home himself: He is only looking for a profit. Barry Stone, writer of a syndicated column about home inspection, "Inspector's in the House," recommends that buyers ask the home inspector for a previous inspection report.

When looking at the report, see if it focuses on the house's defects and not on "boilerplate verbiage," such as maintenance recommendations and liability disclaimers, which are less important information about the house. "The best home inspectors disclose defects that less qualified inspectors fail to discover. More disclosure means more negotiation between buyers and sellers, and therefore, more chance that the deal won't close," says Stone. "When deals don't close, agents don't make money."

A standard home inspection includes an inspection of the general condition of the property's heating system, central air conditioning system, interior plumbing and electrical systems, roof, attic, insulation in walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, foundation, basement and structural components. All must be visible and accessible by the inspector at the time of inspection. Home inspectors, says Don Norman, ASHI president, "are limited by what they can see. If they can't gain access to the attic, they can't report on the condition of the attic." Termite, septic and well and radon inspections might need their own specialists.

Also be aware of what an inspector is not required to do,

which is report if something is adequate or not. For example, an inspector can't report if the furnace is the right size to heat the house. The inspector only will report if it's working properly at the time of inspection. "This is where people get confused," says Norman. "Just because a water heater appears to be operating within normal parameters with no visible leakage or malfunction, that doesn't mean it can't start to leak in two weeks. A home inspection is a snapshot in time and not a prediction of future conditions." It is normal, though, for a home inspector to identify areas that might need attention in the near future.

Who's to blame if something goes wrong? There's no one to blame. If something should go wrong after the inspection, the inspector most likely will not be held accountable because home inspection is a field that is largely unregulated. That's why it is essential that you take the time to check a potential inspector's level of experience, reputation and qualifications.

Why hire a home inspector? A home inspection is the best way to maximize knowledge of the property. That way, people can make an intelligent decision. "Buying a home without a professional inspection is one of the riskiest gambles any homebuyer could make," says columnist Stone. Also, if a home inspector establishes the values and needs of the property, a seller might be swayed to repair some of the conditions or renegotiate.

How much does it cost? Expect to pay anywhere from \$250 to \$700 or more, depending on where the home is.



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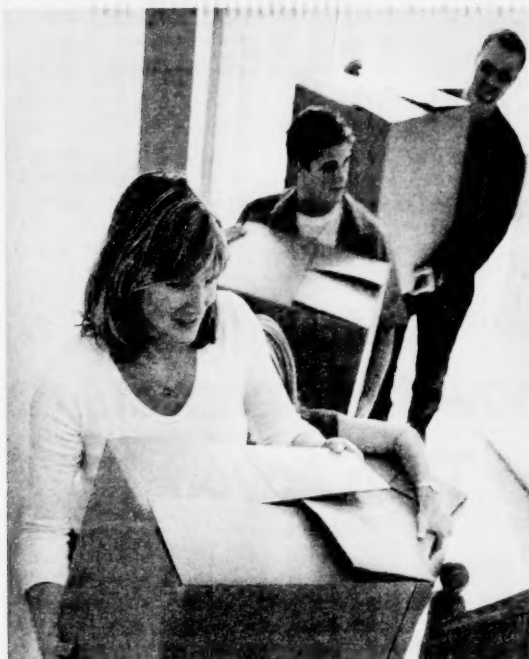
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There is no room for cutting corners when packing, as anyone who has ended up with a boxful of broken dishes or a punctured lampshade can attest. Follow these tips on packing properly and learn the basics:

• **ASSESS THE MESS** - Take an inventory of belongings. Make a list of the items that will be

needed immediately, and those that can stay packed for a while. Also take the time to discard items with the sole purpose of taking up space – the things accumulating dust that haven't been touched in years. Pack the items that won't be needed readily first and put them aside.

• **RESEARCH, RESEARCH** - It's amazing how many people will spend hours picking a new DVD system or computer package. However, they will take all of five minutes looking for a moving company. Investigate and receive quotes from a few different companies. When possible, get recommendations from

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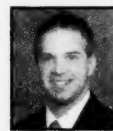
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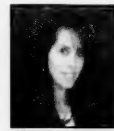
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When home isn't selling

Placing a home on the market can be a frustrating experience for sellers who find themselves still waiting for an offer six months later.

In a press release, J.B. Doherty of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors of Andover suggested homeowners consider the following factors:

- **Timing.** According to the 2003 National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, two-thirds of all homes sold in the United States in 2003 sold within two months, with the average sale taking place within five weeks.

However, homes in the Northeast and West sold slightly faster (four weeks) than those in the Midwest and South (five weeks). "The time a home stays on the market is related to the market's strength, which varies regionally," says Doherty. "Therefore, if it has only been a month, you may have started worrying too soon."

- **Inaccurate pricing.** A house priced at market value piques the interest of real estate professionals and buyers, but overpricing chases them away. "It's only natural to overestimate the value of one's home. Even if the seller adjusts the price later, it's difficult to recapture people's interest," Doherty explains.

Therefore, home sellers should depend on factual reference points, such as an appraisal and comparables (comparable Market Analysis) to help estimate market value. Doherty

suggests having a local real estate professional prepare comparables by examining similar properties recently sold in the neighborhood. This practice is the best way to arrive at a realistic asking price, he says.

- **Condition and appearance of the home.** Sellers shouldn't rely on buyers to use their imaginations. "Remember that buyers might see seven or eight homes in a single day. The most memorable home will be the one that seemed the brightest, the most spacious, the most cheerful," explains Doherty. This invariably means rearranging and eliminating furniture, removing excess knickknacks and so on, to create an open, uncluttered look. Outside, does the house have curb appeal? It should look inviting, with a trimmed lawn and a freshly painted front door.

- **Insufficient exposure.** Homeowners might consider using a real estate professional. As reported in the NAR study, buyers were most likely to learn about the home they purchased through a real estate professional.

Sales professionals develop comprehensive marketing strategies to sell a home, including open houses, yard signs, Multiple Listing Services, newspaper ads, the Internet and brochures to give a property maximum exposure. "Limited interest and thinly attended open houses may indicate a need for more exposure," Doherty says.

Packing correctly can save on stress

■ MOVING

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friends and family.

- **PACKAGING** - Purchase the proper containers for the job, rather than just raiding the local supermarket dumpster for discarded boxes. Many boxes are just not strong enough for household items, and can have holes in the bottoms or lids.

It's also a good idea to adequately line boxes with packing paper or bubble wrap to doubly insure that prized possessions

will not end up broken and in the trash heap. Never pack a lampshade with any other item, as innocuous as it may seem, because you're just asking for puncture trouble. Also, don't over-pack boxes to save on the number needed for the move. The bottom of heavy boxes might drop out when lifted.

- **POSSIBLE ROADBLOCKS** - Some things to watch out for: Don't ship aerosols or household chemicals in a moving truck, especially during warm months.

Excessive heat could cause combustibles to explode. Also, keep an eye out for pets, like cats. Feisty felines love to explore empty boxes, and inadvertently end up packed away - yes, it's happened!

- **FINALLY, LOOK TO THE FUTURE** - While packing and moving can be a bit hectic at times, just think of the possibilities that lie ahead in the new home. Concentrating on the future can keep people focused and a little less stressed.

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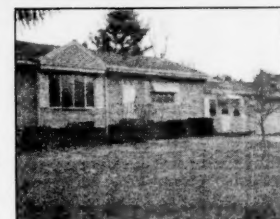


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